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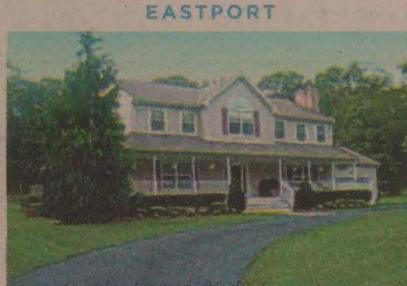
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181 Swamp Road, East Hampton. \$3,700,000
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Open House • Sat., & Sun., Dec. 9 & 10 • 1-3pm
13 Yale Drive, Hampton Bays. \$469,000
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Open House • Sun., Dec. 10 • 1-3pm
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Open House • Sat., Dec. 9 • 3-5 pm
68 Island Creek Road, Southampton. \$3,550,000
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Open House • Sun., Dec. 10 • 11am-1pm
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Open House • Sun., Dec. 10 • 12noon-3pm
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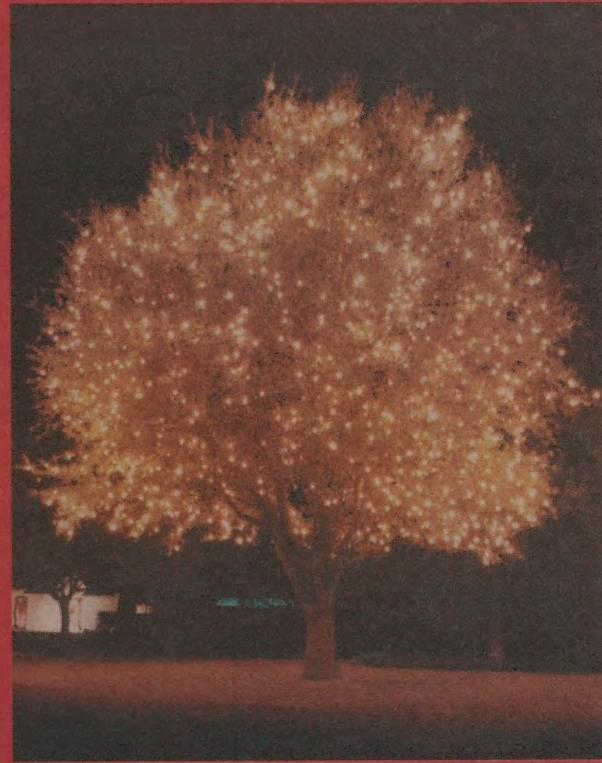
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Grey Gardens Wed., Mar. 7th - \$170 pp. This show brings to life both the delightfully eccentric aunt and the cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Once among the brightest names in the pre-Camelot social register, these two women became East Hampton's most notorious recluses, living in a dilapidated 28-room mansion. Includes orchestra show ticket, lunch at a fine NYC restaurant and deluxe round-trip transportation. **SF**

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Next Saturday's Polar Bear Plunge is a. Good b. Bad for You

By Dan Rattiner

Next Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m., the Polar Bear Plunge takes place at Cooper's Beach in Southampton. This event has been going on for quite a number of years without much fanfare, but during the last five years, it has become, snuggled in between Thanksgiving and Christmas, practically another national holiday for the people of the Hamptons. About 200 people rush into the water when the horn sounds. About 2,000 people cheer them on. There's a whole lot of splashing and whooping and hollering. And then as the various participants come running out, most of whom are covered with goosebumps and shivering, friends find them and rub them dry with towels.

It costs absolutely nothing to jump in the ocean on Polar Bear Swim day. But if you want to do it at Cooper's Beach that day in between the flags, it will cost you a donation equal to whatever sum you raise through the pledges of friends and acquaintances who sponsor your effort. Just meet at the back of the beach to arrange things first. All the money raised from the Southampton Polar Bear Plunge goes to Human Resources of the Hamptons.

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With more and more people showing up to do the plunge, I wondered whether it makes you healthier to be leaping into cold water, or if it makes you more susceptible to getting sick. I looked into it.

The Swedes have been enjoying the benefits of perspiring in a sweat house and then dashing out into a zero degree snowstorm with nothing on and then running around for ten minutes while their skin gets all goosebumps

of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place or the negligence of others. Something like that.

Why is that?

Perhaps the most famous polar bear swimmer in America is Louie Scarella, the organizer of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club. He says the ocean is "nature's anti-inflammatory." He swims every day from November to April and says he hasn't had a cold in thirty years.

He also claims it improves his sex life and overall vigor.

Kate Rew had this to say after doing the Southampton Polar Bear Plunge last year. "When I got out, I felt like my body was on fire, in a great way. It was invigorating and I felt alive."

And David Scharf said this: "I remember screaming louder than I ever thought possible when I went in, then feeling a rhythmic, piercing pain in my legs and finally numbness. Once

you're numb, you can stay in forever."

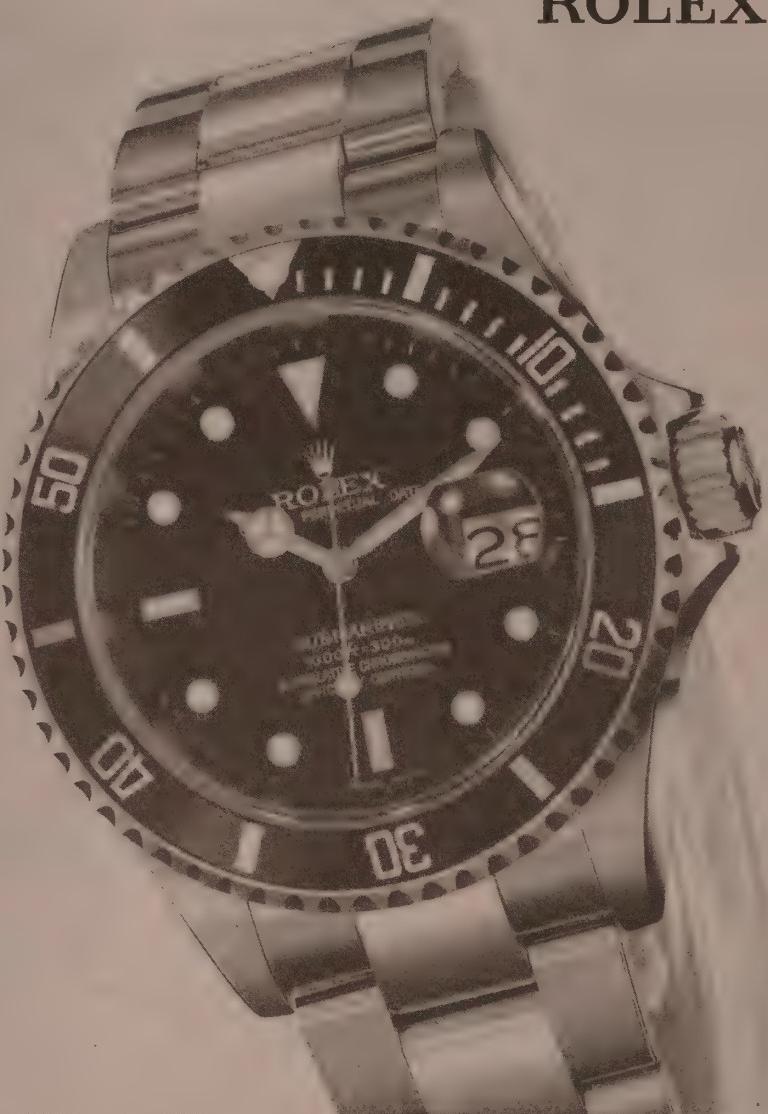
Nevertheless, here in Southampton, there is an ambulance at the back of the beach. And there are four ambulances at the back of the Coney Island Beach. And also at plunges in Nantucket, Block Island, Boston, Atlantic City and Buffalo, New York where they go into Lake Erie. Why do they have ambulances?

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Immersion hypothermia occurs about 30 times more quickly than wind chill hypothermia due to a complete lack of insulation and direct exposure to chilled water.

and tingly. The lifespan of the average Swede is several years longer than the average American.

But when you sign up for this Polar Bear Plunge you have to sign a form which says that you understand this event involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by your own actions, or inactions, those



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Quogue Native Kate French has just landed her first major role as beautiful Brooke Crawford in the TV series titled "Wicked Wicked Games." Watch for Kate's show on MNT beginning December 6.

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Cardiologists Dr. Miguel Blanco, Dr. Babu Easow and Dr. Rajoo Patel have proposed a new location for Eastern Suffolk Cardiology on the northeast corner of Wickapogue and Old Town Roads in Southampton. The location is the former site of Dr. Charles Guida's offices.

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Developer Robert Gianos has agreed to resume discussions with Southampton Village about preserving a larger portion of his Wickapogue Road property when he subdivides the 50-acre farm field into a ten-lot subdivision.

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Along with their gift of six buildings for the new East Hampton Town Hall complex, Adelaide de Menil and her husband, Edmund Carpenter, will also be donating \$2 million for the buildings' upkeep. The Town will be adding another \$1 million to the fund using surplus budget money, and \$1 million from the Community Preservation Fund to maintain the Town's historic buildings.

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Sag Harbor teens Peter Landi, David Horn, Forest Fire Gray, George Hoglund, Tucker Ruiz-Bass and Owen Preata beat

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BREAKING NEWS

Three weeks ago, an attempt was made by the McAllister Tug Boat Company to haul the 42,000-ton aircraft carrier Intrepid away from Pier 86 in Manhattan for refitting and refurbishing at a drydock in Bayonne, New Jersey. The effort failed, with the Intrepid fifteen feet away from the dock and stuck in the mud with its propellers hooked into the sea bottom like anchors.

Now, on Tuesday morning, a second attempt was made by McAllister and this time, led by Captain Pat Kinnier of the tug Christine M. McAllister and numerous other tugboats, the Intrepid shifted, stopped for twenty minutes and then, to the cries of "we got it" slid sideways away from where it was stuck to successfully begin its journey to drydock. It will remain there undergoing restoration until the fall of 2008 when, all spanking new, it will return to the west side of Manhattan to resume its duties as the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

Members of the McAllister family that owns the tugboat company also own the Port Jefferson - Bridgeport ferry Company and the Hampton Jitney.

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The main problem is hypothermia, according to a paramedic of the Southampton Ambulance Squad. You can stay in, not even knowing something is going bad.

Bob Amick, who is an American Red Cross Community Disaster Education Instructor, says immersion hypothermia occurs about 30 times more quickly than wind chill conductive/convective hypothermia due to a complete lack of insulation and direct exposure to chilled water.

"Heat is quickly lost through the armpits and groin," Ms. Amick continued. "There is shivering and slow breathing. And it can be very subtle and vague, which can be deceptive."

At the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, researchers have found that reducing the body core temperature in mice results in their living longer.

But, Dr. Dan Danzi, a leading expert on hypothermia and director of emergency medicine at the University of Louisville in Kentucky says that the Polar Bear Plunge presents little risk for healthy people. "It can be a problem for children and the elderly. Also thin people who do not have much body fat."

Sufferers of hypothermia can limit the dan-

ger if they wrap themselves in a silver heat reflective robe immediately after they get out of the water rather than a towel. During the swim, the danger can be minimized by dunking your head only at the very end of the swim. Keeping your head warm to the end delays heat loss.

At last year's swim at Cooper's Beach, some people dried themselves with towels, only to note

that they quickly froze into interesting and fascinating shapes. Janet McLaren, who has an art gallery in Port Jefferson but was at the Polar Bear here last year, was seen photographing them for a photo exhibition she mounted in the spring.

In hospitals in Poland, there is a popular treatment called Cryotherapy. Physicians have patients stand in chambers filled with cold, dry air at temperatures as low as -135 degrees Centigrade for periods as long as ten minutes. Doctors say this helps heal muscle injuries and helps lessen depression. Here in America, many professional sports teams have Cryotherapy Chambers.

However, a physiotherapist in Southampton, Tony Wilson, claims you can get the same benefit just from taking a cold bath.

On the other hand, many long distance marathon runners end their pre-race regimen by taking a five-minute ice bath. Top marathoner Paula Radcliffe says that five hours before the start of a race she eats a big bowl of cereal, some banana, some biscuits, yoghurt and chocolate, then relaxes for five minutes, then takes a shower and an ice bath.

Dr. Chris Bleakley, a physiotherapist at the University of Ulster, has an explanation for this.

"Cold causes a decrease in the size of blood vessels, and heat causes an increase — and this contrast creates a pumping mechanism which increases the blood flow to flush out the toxins in the area, a bit like massage," he says.

Dr. Merritt White of Bridgehampton says that any group activity involving strenuous exercise and sports can result in improved vitality and frame of mind.

Then again, there are sharks in the water here.

Then again, only a very small percentage of these sharks bite people.

A British physician, Dr. Lisa Silver of Oxfordshire, takes a dimmer view of jumping into freezing cold water. "I would urge people with heart problems or airways diseases such as asthma to avoid extreme cold. Patients with these who expose themselves to sudden cold are at risk of sudden death."

Yet nobody has ever had anything bad happen to him or her either at the Southampton Polar Bear Plunge or at the Coney Island Plunge in twenty years.

Some say that people who go to plunges where a Conch Shell is blown to summon the participants to the water's edge to ask permission from King Neptune, god of the sea, to enter his domain ahead of time, do better.

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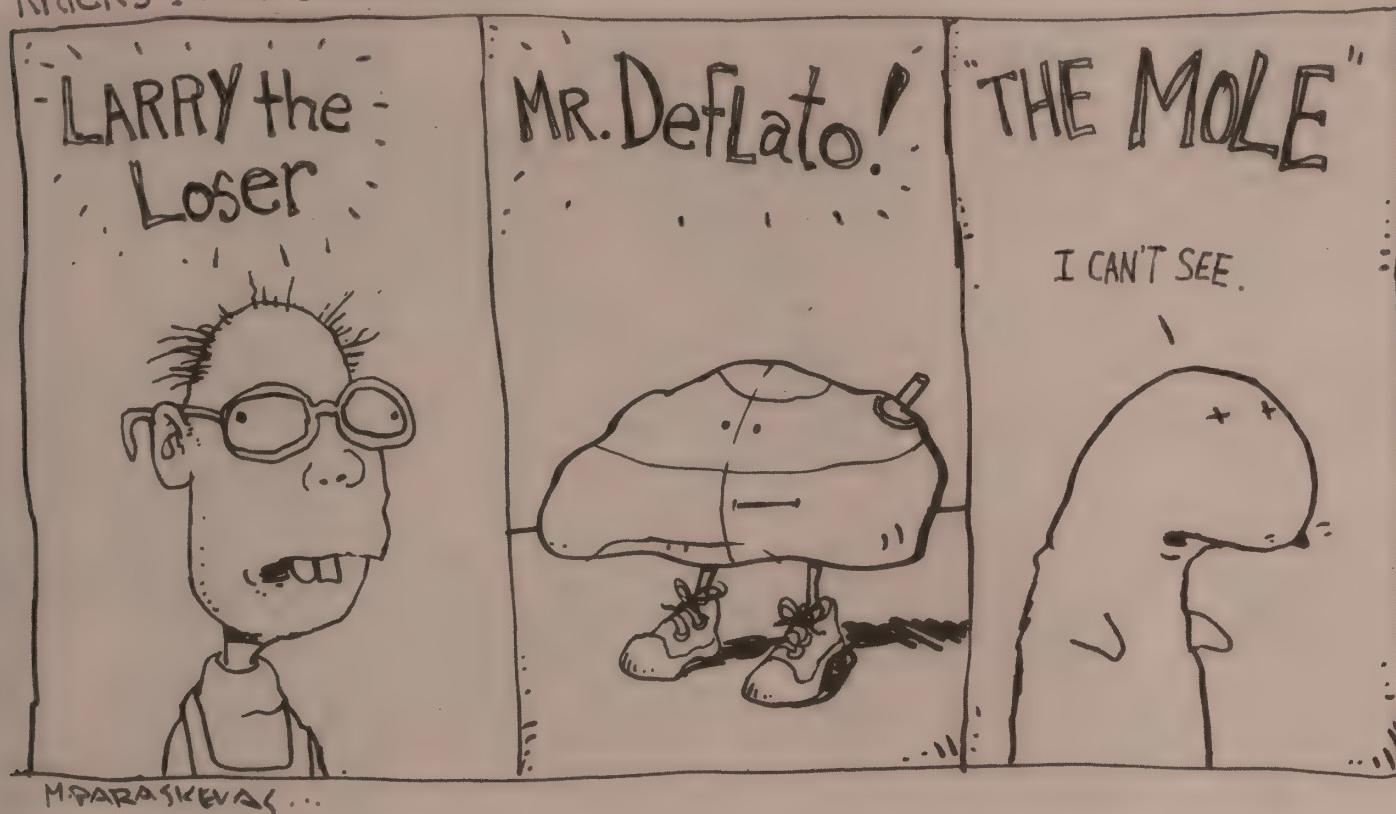
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Knicks New Mascots....



Brown's Ghost

The N.Y. Knicks Play in the Shadow of Last Year's Catastrophe

By Dan Rattiner

Just prior to last summer's Artist-Writers Softball Game, it was announced that Rudy Giuliani and Larry Brown would be attending. Giuliani did come, and he umpired, and he seemed to enjoy it very much. As for Larry Brown, he did come briefly but did not play or ump, much to the disappointment of the crowd. Then he left.

At the time, Larry Brown was a much-celebrated new addition to the New York City sports scene. A legendary professional basketball coach with an unparalleled proven ability to turn mediocre teams into champions, he had been hired by the New York Knicks to do exact-

ly that. The owner of the Knicks, James Dolan, had lured him away from the Detroit Pistons with an offer of \$50 million for five years. And Brown had accepted. At the time of the Artist-Writers Softball Game in East Hampton, he was just ninety days from taking charge for opening day. He had been on the front page of every newspaper in the city. He was already as famous as Rudolph Giuliani. And he'd bought a multi-million dollar home in the Hamptons.

Of course, everybody in New York expected that the big turnaround for the Knicks would take place within a matter of weeks. Brown, however, lost his first five games in a row. He was, he said, learning what his team could and

could not do. And he would tinker with the lineup and try different combinations out on the court. Apparently, he was looking at this as a long-term project. He had five years, didn't he?

As the season wore on, Brown came to the conclusion that he would have to have the president of the team, Isiah Thomas, do some trades so he could plug some holes where the team was not competitive. Thomas, a one-time star of the game, had been president of the Knicks for six years for Dolan. He was a friend of Dolan's. And he knew the game. But what Brown wanted was a playmaker. He had a

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2,000 YEAR OLD SKULL FOUND IN WATER MILL

By David Lion Rattiner

Every once in a while, here in the Hamptons, a small discovery is made with unbelievable historic ramifications. The history of this area is a big part of what makes it so special. And so it was that last week a truly amazing artifact was discovered in the ground in Water Mill. An American Indian skull was discovered, believed to be, according to the Suffolk County medical examiner's office, anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 years old.

Interestingly enough, the skull was found because of a restriction that applied to the landowners of the property where it was dis-

covered.

The restriction says that in order for the landowners to subdivide the property, which is South of The Highway, an archeological study must be done on the building lots. The idea behind this is to make sure that historical items that are turned up get handed over to the proper authorities. Centuries ago, the Shinnecock's ruled the land, and so it is important to search for things like arrowheads or other ancient items that can be returned to the Shinnecock Indian Reservation. This restriction is exactly what the owners of the land, Thomas James and Lorraine Klugh were faced

with when they tried to turn their property into four separate residential building lots back in 1992. However, the discovery of a skull is a lot different than an arrowhead for obvious reasons. The discovery of the skull in Water Mill shines a spotlight on the historic value of our area and also the conflicting, never-ending need to develop land and turn a profit in real estate.

In a way, it is a sad irony that the primary time that these types of discoveries occur is usually when there is a plan to develop the land on which they are found. Which brings

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good star in Stephon Marbury. But nobody to get the ball to him. Now twenty games had been played. They'd lost thirteen.

If Brown said he needed a playmaker, Isiah Thomas went out and bought Steve Francis, another star, somebody else that needed to be passed to. Now there were two stars and nobody to get them the ball. Brown tried. The two together stood there flatfooted while the enemy ran down the court and scored. Brown said he couldn't work with this. Thomas and Dolan said that's who you got. And so the rest of the season passed disastrously. When it ended, the Knicks had the worst record in basketball, and the second worst in the history of professional basketball. They had won 23 and

lost 59 for a won-lost percentage of .280. And there was practically nobody paying money to sit in the stands to watch this nightly slaughter.

As summer arrived and the basketball games ended, James Dolan stepped in and announced that enough was enough. He fired Brown and replaced him with Isiah Thomas. Thomas had coached for several years with moderate success. He could do it. Dolan told Thomas he would have one year. If the team could not rouse itself on some sort of upward trajectory, he would be gone too.

"You made your bed, you sleep in it," were Dolan's exact words. Thomas swallowed hard and said he understood.



After that, Dolan looked at Brown's fifty million dollar contract and, gentleman that he isn't, said he would not pay his failed coach the agreed-upon amount. There were things in the contract, he said, that would allow him to do that. Brown had not lived up to expectations. If he wanted to be paid out, they could negotiate. Otherwise, Brown would have to sue him.

Ultimately, Brown and Dolan settled for an amount that they both agreed they would not reveal to the public. The amount is \$17.5 million, on reasonably good authority. So decide about that what you want.

Brown, I am told, has both his Manhattan apartment and Hamptons home up for sale and is moving out of the community. We will likely not hear of him much anymore. It seems a certainty we will not see him at the softball game.

Meanwhile, the fate of Isiah Thomas has turned into something of a gong show. He has one year to improve the Knicks record from their dismal 23-59. Or he's out.

And so I have been watching the games. So far they have played 20 games out of what will eventually be an 82-game season. Thomas has found out the same thing that Brown before him learned. This is a basketball game and the better five players win. And the better five players are very rarely the players from the Knicks. So Thomas, using some of his second-line players who sit on the bench, is trying different combinations just as Brown did before him. And the only difference seems to be that where Brown yelled at all the ballplayers and openly told them he didn't like them, Thomas stands there like John Wayne with his arms folded watching them go down in flames. But the later pats them on the back and says we'll get it right. So far, the team has won 7 and lost 13. It's exactly the same start as last year. It really does seem that Marbury and Francis cannot play together on the same floor.

And so now Dolan is looking for a playmaker, just as Brown had Thomas doing the year before. And reportedly they have found one in Kevin Cato of the Detroit Pistons, who is recovering from an injury, but should be ready to start for the Knicks next week.

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Watchcase Rising

An Old Factory, Abandoned 40 Years, Is About to Come Alive

By Dan Rattiner

The last big abandoned building in the Hamptons, the Fahys' Watchcase Factory, may soon be restored to its former glory as a condominium apartment building. If this happens, and if the big steeple on top of the Whaler's Church high on the hill in downtown Sag Harbor gets rebuilt as planned, this will complete the virtually full restoration of downtown Sag Harbor.

The former Fahys' Watchcase Factory is that grim, filthy, four-story brick building with the broken windows that looms over downtown Sag Harbor from just off Main Street on Hampton Road. It is a classic example of 19th

Century factory architecture that was so prevalent throughout the Northeast and Midwest in that era, built when there were noon whistles and men in hard hats carrying lunch pails to work long hours on an assembly line here in America. Most of these factories have long since been abandoned, though some have gone through restorations for different uses. The Fahys' Watchcase Factory is the only such building ever built in the Hamptons, although a smaller factory building was built in the woods of Water Mill for Western Union a hundred years ago. Ten years ago, that brick building, after forty years abandoned, was converted and restored into the world headquar-

ters of artist-sculptor-designer Robert Wilson.

The Fahys factory got built as a result of the activities of a desperate Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce effort in the 1870s. Prior to that time, the town had been a bustling home port for the thriving American whaling industry. More than a hundred whaling ships called Sag Harbor home during the early 1800s. By 1849, the biggest commercial year in Sag Harbor history, Sag Harbor had become one of the four major whaling ports in America, along with Nantucket and New Bedford in Massachusetts and Lahaina, Hawaii. As a result, Long Wharf was a bustling center of commerce for whale

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THE WAR AGAINST FAT GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE

By Dan Rattiner

New York City has just become the first city in the country to regulate the food served in restaurants. If you have a restaurant in New York, beginning next July, you will receive a fine if you serve anything that has trans fat in it. The City Council voted unanimously to approve the ban.

Trans fat is a byproduct of hydrogenated oils. Many years ago, in the early part of the twentieth century, scientists found a way to allow food manufacturers to make food with oil rather than butter. Until then, you could

make food with oil, but it would soon separate or spoil. And so you'd use butter, which had a lot of fat in it, and which would remain solid at room temperature and hold up chemically for only a short time. After the discovery of this new hydrogenating process, which involves pumping hydrogen into the oil, the chemical composition of the oil changes slightly and food products made from it remain solid at room temperature and can have a long shelf life.

But now it's turned out that, like many other things, what was thought to be good for

you is in fact bad for you. The body cannot process foods with trans fat very easily. Unable to process them, it stores them. Thus it winds up as fat in your body and you look fat and are fat. You can't get it out easily. Butter, which was supposed to leave you fat, does not do so to the extent that trans fat does. Go figure.

A few years ago, the federal government passed a law saying that the percent of trans fat in a product had to be listed as one of the ingredients on the label on the side of the

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oil and many other products, such as foodstuffs, furniture and clothing from exotic places. Ships returning home to the wharf of Sag Harbor with great regularity brought with them coopers, captains, harpooners, sailors, cooks and first mates, and another thousand people from all over the world — Hawaiians from the Sandwich Islands, natives from Fiji and Borneo, blacks from South Africa, Arawaks from the Canaries, Arabs from Persia, Jews from the Middle East, Eskimos from the Arctic and people from many other places, all of whom had signed on to work on these ships in order to make the journey to America. Sag Harbor was surely among the most cosmopolitan towns in America from 1800 to 1850. And the main street featured a dozen bars, half a dozen restaurants, barber shops, clothing stores, warehouses, flop houses, whore houses, big mansions for the whaling boat captains, a customs house through which immigrants could pass, many churches and liquor stores and the second oldest synagogue in America.

At one end of Main Street, providing power for the town, stood a wonder of the age — a kerosene-powered generator that created steam power for the town. The use of kerosene, as opposed to whale oil, made everyone uneasy. Coupled with the fact that there were fewer and fewer whales to be harpooned, the future was not on the side of whaling



towns such as Sag Harbor.

In late 1849, the news that gold had been discovered in San Francisco sent an electric shock through Sag Harbor. Almost immediately, practically every ship in town, a total of 134 of them, pulled anchor and headed off to that

place. There was GOLD to be had. Here, the economy dropped like a stone. Those that remained were in a virtual ghost town.

And so, in 1870 a group of concerned merchants of Sag Harbor took it upon themselves to approach three brothers in New Jersey who owned a watchcase factory that was being closed. Sag Harbor had an empty wharf and warehouses, docks, and a labor force with a whole lot of nothing to do. The Fahys agreed to relocate to Sag Harbor and so built their factory.

For the next 80 years, the Fahys' Watchcase Company, along with other smaller enterprises were the economic backbone of Sag Harbor. But in 1950, as the factory owners in the Northeast began to move south to places such as North Carolina where the labor was cheaper, it became apparent that Sag Harbor could suffer an economic collapse to rival that of 1850. The watchcase factory was, by that time, a division of the Bulova Watch Company. But when the Grumman factory in Sag Harbor, and several smaller factories moved away, Bulova sadly closed their factory too. The 1960s and 1970s were among the most difficult of times for that town.

The new economy arrived in the 1970s in the form of tourism. With its narrow and winding residential streets, Sag Harbor, even with most

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Testing Air

Future Shock for Drunk Drivers Marks a New Age for Drivers

By Dan Rattiner

Attitudes about drinking and driving changed dramatically in the 1990s. At the beginning of that decade, nearly 20,000 people died every year because of drunk drivers. By the end of that decade, the number was down to 13,000. What made it all happen were the new DWI laws. Drunks lose licenses. So when you've had a few, give up your keys. It's gotten into the culture.

For the past five years, however, the decline stopped. 2005s total was just about the same as it was in 2000. And so people in government are trying to come up with more creative ways to save lives. Their first success was something

called an ignition interlock.

This device is a sort of collar affair that fits over an ignition key lock that will only allow the driver to turn a key in the ignition if he can pass a Breathalyzer test built into the device itself. It's been in use now for two years. Blow into a tiny tube, and if your alcohol level is under the legal limit, the ignition key can be turned. If you fail, it can't be budged. So you stay where you are.

In nearly all states in the union, a new law says that people who get convicted of a second DWI violation are required to use the ignition interlock, which can be installed by any car dealer. The restriction is clearly marked in big

letters on the offender's driver's license, so if a police officer stops a driver who doesn't have the ignition device that his license says he is supposed to have, he can lose his license and have his car impounded. Of course, none of this would prevent a drunk from getting a friend who is sober to blow into the tube so the car can be driven, even by the drunk. You can't have everything. Or can you? Maybe science can even fix THAT workaround.

And so scientists and lawmakers are once again on the case. In New Mexico, lawmakers have passed a new law that says just ONE DWI requires you to have the ignition device.

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A TEARDOWN XMAS PRESENT FOR SHINNECOCK

By T.J. Clemente

Until a few weeks ago there was a family on the Shinnecock Reservation living in a trailer with plastic covering the windows in preparation for the violent cold of winter. A grandmother, her grown children and four grandchildren would have had to huddle to keep warm in the small quarters. But now because of the support of various groups within the Southampton community, this family has something special to look forward to — their own three-bedroom home to be located right there on the Reservation.

There are many heroes to this story and it

starts with local builder Michael White, who, instead of demolishing a one-story home on property where a new home is to be built, donated the cost of demolition and removal to move the house about two and a half miles to the Reservation for the needy Shinnecock family to live in. Mr. White said, "I am happy to be able to do this. I wish the Town of Southampton would understand that this is cheaper way to deal with low-income housing needs. This process is so much cheaper than building a new home."

Elizabeth Thunder Bird Haile of the Padoquohan Medicine Lodge is another hero in

this story. She first of all wants to thank all those who attended a Thanks-4-giving dinner held last Thursday at The United Methodist Church for their "funds and spirit of generosity." She also had high praise for Rev. Koone Lee. At the turkey dinner, money was raised for about one third of the cost through contributions and raffles. The move is to be in the next two weeks. A crane has been hired and cement is being poured for the foundation of the home that will be moved. This is the first successful attempt to raise money for a move of this type. Others had failed but the group

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never gave up hope of succeeding one day. At the dinner, the Thunder Bird Sisters used these words to express their thanks and hope chanting in harmony, "Great Spirit promised us peace and harmony, who will help this promise to come true?" The answer was in fact all the concerned citizens in the church.

But there is more to be done. Both Ms. Haile and Mr. White expressed the need for more generosity from the community. The Padoquahon Medicine Lodge has created a PML, Inc. fund to aid and assist Shinnecock Indians in unsafe living quarters. Without means of getting mortgages and home loans due to issues of communal land ownership, this fund will enable the financing of other permanent homes to be moved to the Reservation, which is so vastly more affordable than building new homes without loans.

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With the mantra "In service to the Creator and mankind" this organization is attempting to repair and update as much housing on the Reservation

for those with the greatest needs as quickly as possible. With the season of giving at hand perhaps there is no better cause than the one here in Southampton. One can't help but think of actor James Stewart in *It's a Wonderful Life*, around his Christmas tree at the end, and the good feeling he has when all the good people help to defeat the greed of Mr. Potter. Well, the



Photo by Noreen Conway

Mr. Potter in this story is the cold winter and the need for repairs to existing housing and funding for future house relocations. Mr. White expressed his concern and gratitude by saying, "It's cheaper, quicker and just such a decent thing to do. I am proud to be able to do what I can. I hope to do more. It makes

me feel that good."

Elizabeth Thunder Bird Haile said, "It's what we can do that is the answer."

With the cold of winter coming it may be a fine thing to find the warmth in one's heart to spark the ability to act and somehow help our neighbors who truly have a need and truly can be helped so simply.

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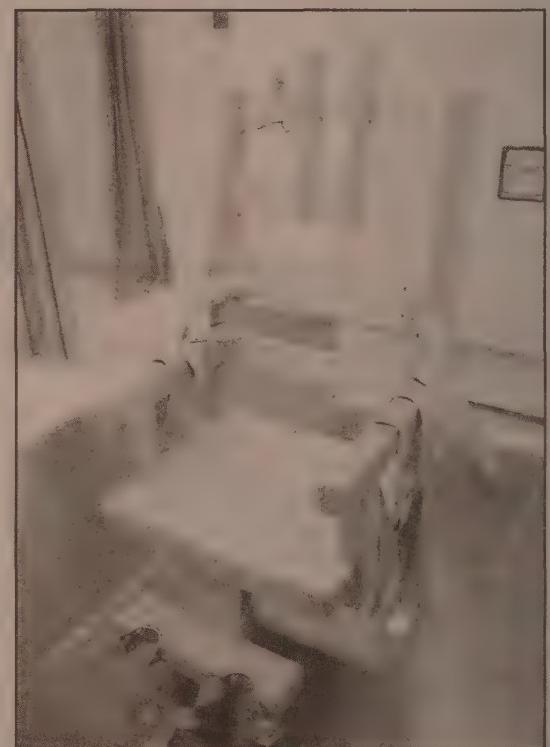
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More states are shortly going to follow.

And scientists in Sweden, working at Saab, are now working on a way to disable a car WITHOUT having anybody blow into a tube. It involves shining a tiny light on the forehead of a person who sits in the driver's seat. Somehow, the quality of the reflected light back tells you whether alcohol is involved. And it cannot be defeated. Pull your hat down and your car won't start because it can't get a reading. And so forth and so on. Another group of

scientists are working on alcohol readings that can be discerned by touch. Put your hand on the steering wheel and it gives a reading. These things should be on the market within three years.

It's amazing what electronic devices can be installed into a car these days. Maybe the next thing they can do for drunks is to brew up a cup of black coffee. Fail the DWI test, and a cup pops down into a cup holder and fills up with joe. You drink it down, and in thirty minutes



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Megabucks Art Yacht Makes Plans to Tie Up in the Hamptons

By Sabrina C. Mashburn

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Hamptons, brace yourselves. Because from June 27 until July 1, 2007 the Hamptons will be host to one of the greatest spectacles ever conceived by a Floridian, and, no, it's not the Backstreet Boys. It is one of the most celebrated and controversial yachts to ever request to dock in Long Island: the *Grand Luxe*, a 228-foot, \$60 million floating arts and crafts show known as the SeaFair. The custom-made, unbelievably low-drawing vessel was designed for David and Lee Ann Lester, founders of the Palm Beach Art and Antique Fair, by LeJong and Lebet of Jacksonville, Florida, and was built by Nichols

Brothers Boatyard in Freeland, Washington, with the financial aid of CAT Financial. The finished product boasts an open-air restaurant on the top deck, a cocktail lounge, a "signature restaurant" and a European-style coffee bar.

Grand Luxe's greatest bragging points are not her cruise-ship-like amenities, but her 28 galleries, which will rotate a hand-picked selection of blue-chip art, antiques and jewelry throughout her stay in several affluent ports.

Galleries have been chosen by the Lesters, who drew on their years of experience in the art world, and the proprietors of those galleries are overjoyed to be included. Michael James of The Silver Fund in London remarked, "The

mobility of SeaFair insures that I will be positioned exactly where the greatest interest in collecting occurs." And this is the premise for the whole idea of the SeaFair, that her clients will have the opportunity to visit galleries from all over the world, all aboard one ship, docked right down the road. And, instead of blocking off streets and disturbing the already hectic ebb and flow of summer people in the Hamptons, the *Grand Luxe* will simply dock, show her wares, and shove off. However, although it sounds simple enough, East Hampton Town officials are already up in arms about the ship, which will be the largest to

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PROBABLY THE WORST IDEA EVER FOR DUNE ROAD

By Sabrina C. Mashburn

Have you ever driven your RV down Dune Road and wondered, "why can't I just park this RV right up there, next to that beautiful beach, and stay there for a few weeks?" Well, never fear, because in a year or two, you may see RVs parked on Dune Road all summer long. Southampton Town Councilman Steve Kenny has tentatively suggested using land purchased with money from the Community Preservation Fund to build a "wilderness area," as he calls it, with up to 20 RV campsites on the "western third" of the Dune Road property, and 20 to 40 tent campsites on the

remaining part of the parcel. The rest of the Councilman's plan sounds perfectly aligned with the purpose of the Community Preservation Fund — he would like to tear out the existing, 700-car parking lot at the former Summers Beach Club, replace it with grass or sand, build hiking trails in the area, and he has alerted the owner of Neptunes Beach Club that when he wants to sell the WWI-era lifeguard station building, the Town is poised to buy and restore it, as it was "one of two Afro-American-manned lifeguard stations prior to WWII." He would like to see it become a museum.

The Councilman has good reason to try to put these properties to use, because according to his own research, the parking lots around the Summers and Neptune clubs are the site of almost "all of the drug, rowdiness and fight arrests in the hamlet." However, does restoring a beach to a wilderness area have to involve tents and RVs?

Linda Dietz, an active member of a group of local residents in opposition to the plan, asked, "why can't it just be open space?" Members of the East Quogue Civic Association have been circulating a petition

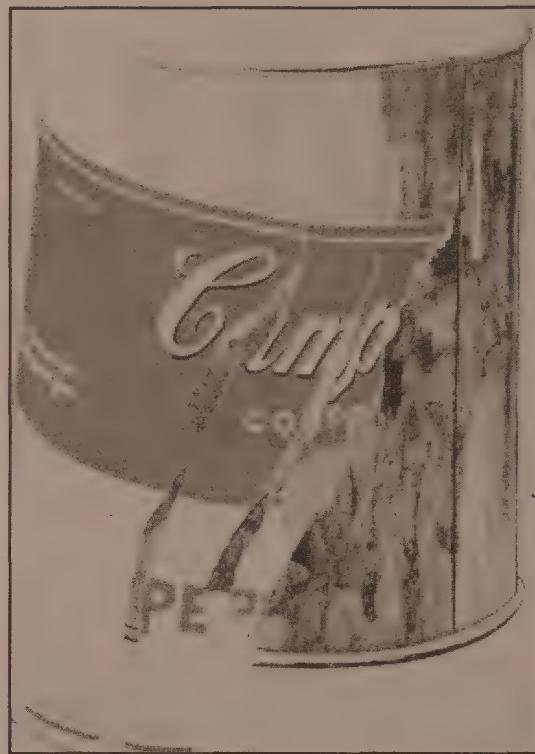
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ever dock in the Hamptons.

The *Grand Luxe* would dock at the Gann Road public commercial dock in Three Mile Harbor, making use of the 220 feet of open dock space the Town reserves for emergencies. Two years ago, when *Grand Luxe* was little more than a grand idea in David Lester's mind, he proposed that the ship be docked at the Long Wharf in Sag Harbor. The Sag Harbor Village Board squelched his plans immediately, because, as the mayor of Sag Harbor explained, the SeaFair's presence in the Village would "be a drain on our village resources, and one that would not benefit our village residents." And although the ship's website lists "The Hamptons" as a confirmed



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tomy for mega yachts such as the *Grand Luxe* to dock out in the ocean or harbor, just to be safe, and for her passengers to be ferried ashore by her tender. However, with the constant flow of caterers and art lovers, this won't do. The *Grand Luxe* would have to be tied right to the dock.

Even if the East Hampton Town board decides not to permit the *Grand Luxe* to dock here, there is still a chance that she might be able to secure dockage at a private port, such as East Hampton Point, or that summer residents would make the short trip to Greenwich, Oyster Bay, Westport, New York City, or even Nantucket, Cape Cod or Martha's Vineyard, all confirmed destinations, to shop aboard the world's very first luxury art yacht.

Assuming that she gets through the channel and ties up, though, there is still the question of whether or not the *Grand Luxe*'s SeaFair will be a five-day drain on the local economy. One of the great commodities that make the Hamptons such a desired destination for city folk in the summertime is that you can have your beach and still be surrounded by the same caliber of galleries and luxury shops that one would find in New York City. And with all of the fanfare and sparkle surrounding the shopping experience aboard the *Grand Luxe*, as well as the cachet associated with a "by invitation only" art, jewelry and antique show, will affluent summer residents choose to do all of their blue-chip purchasing aboard the *Grand Luxe*, and leave local galleries and businesses behind? According to one local businesswoman, that's not likely to happen. Roberta Rossetti of London Jewelers in East Hampton explained, "something like that is more commercial than an actual functioning business. We're a brick-and-mortar store that's been here for 50 years. I think that we're a little bit more secure in our business than to be afraid of a traveling art boat."

Even if some people do choose to make a purchase aboard the art yacht, most collectors plan art purchases for months or years at a time, and are searching for a specific artist or piece. Therefore, if collectors are searching for something specific that our local shops do not have, they would probably have it shipped from wherever it was anyway. As with any art fair, the SeaFair will be little more of a drain on local resources than the Armory Show is on those of New York City. The most positive aspect of the *Grand Luxe*'s impending visit will be her opening night gala, the proceeds of which will be donated to Guild Hall. Tickets alone will provide Guild Hall with \$150,000, and if they can manage to convince the Lesters to donate a percentage of the sales of art on Gala night as well, East Hampton will garner quite a hefty sum in exchange for a five-day stay beside 220-feet of dock space.



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Who's Here

By Janet Berg

The tiny blonde author, also known as Professor Kaylie Jones, glides lightly into her Creative Writing classroom at Stony Brook University at Southampton. Natalie, "the teacher's pet," a fluffy white shih-tzu, shadows her delicate movements.

Jones repeats words of advice — to practice reading "good" books: "You cannot just sit down and write a great novel. I just reread some early Hemingway stories and realized how sophisticated they are! I never understood them before, not in their innuendoes, not in their depths."

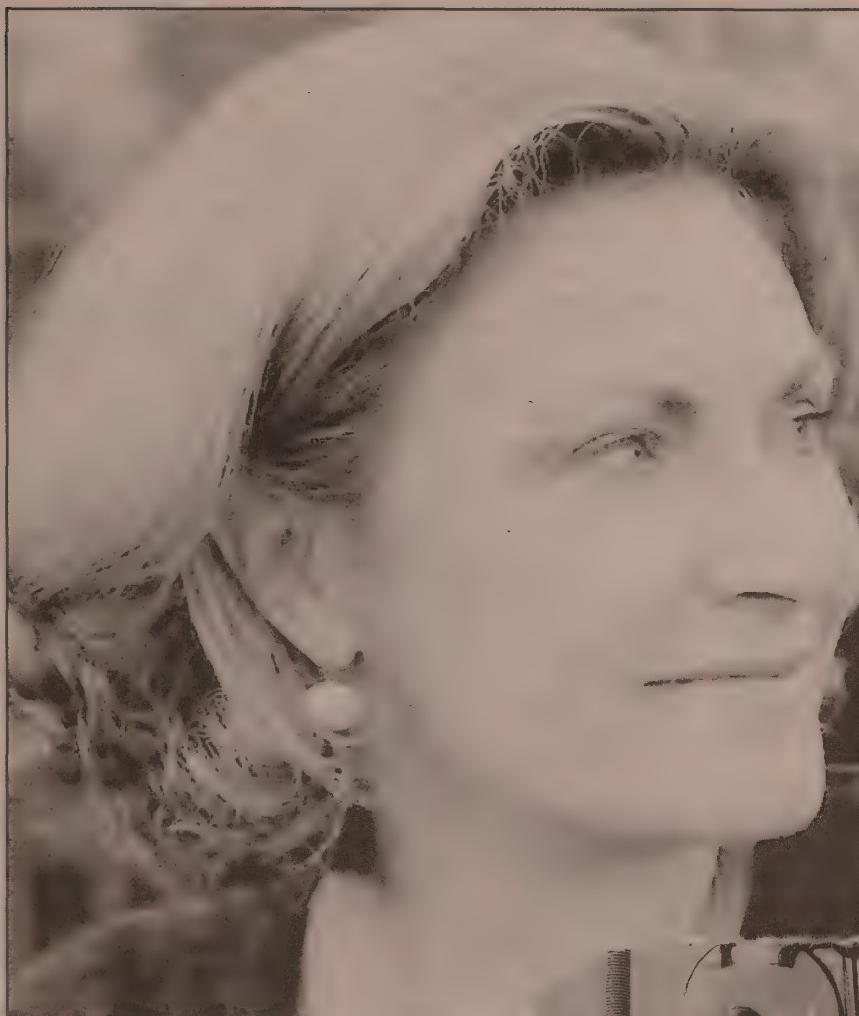
The dog, at her master's side, looks intently at the professor, turning her head as her master lectures. The students in a way do the same. They're mesmerized, eager to learn about writing from someone whose mind and sense of humor are of excess size, and who derived so much from her father before her, novelist James Jones, best known for *From Here to Eternity* and *A Thin Red Line*.

"My father was raised poor, and joined the pre-WWII Army out of desperation. I have always felt more comfortable with people who haven't had it easy, despite the fact that financially, at least, I had a pretty easy childhood.

"I think I must have a sign on my forehead that says "Veteran's Daughter," because they spot me a mile away. I have a number of very close friends who are Vietnam Veterans, writers whose lives and work were influenced by my dad. I think they're looking to adopt me, and I'm still looking for a dad, so we're a good fit."

Like her role model, Kaylie earned distinctions, writing several novels, including: *As Soon As It Rains* (1986); *Quite the Other Way* (1989); *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries* (1990), her autobiography made into a movie, directed by James Ivory, starring Kris Kristofferson and Barbara Hershey; *Celeste* (2000); and her latest novel, *Speak Now* (2003), and screenplays, including the award-winner, *Anor of Aquitaine*, co-written with her husband, Kevin Heisler.

"My husband and I are reading more of the same books lately, so we can discuss them, something we used to do more of, before we were parents. Our daughter, Eyrna, is an eight-year-old math whiz, thank God. That means she is well adjusted. Writing is a lonely profession."



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"I'm also working on a hum

but I feel anything but funny lately."

Having been born and raised in Paris until 1974, she goes back as often as possible. "My parents settled there, the old stomping ground of my father's literary heroes. I go back to Paris as often as possible. I have a wonderful French publisher and several very close friends still there, but having lost one of my oldest friends in May, Paris seems slightly emptier to me. I have one brother, Jamie, who lives in Washington D.C. with his family, and who is probably the best thing in my life besides my husband and daughter... we're very good together as a family."

When the subject switches to her daughter, Jones beams. After a terrible, long labor and some complications, she describes waiting all night for the nurses to bring her baby girl to her. "I could hear the wheels squeaking on the little plastic nursery cubicles they rolled the babies around in, passing my door. Finally, when the sky was

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ANTHONY ARFI AND HIS MAGIC MOVIE CAMERA

By David Lion Rattiner

Anthony Arfi is Mr. Moviemaker. The fourteen-year-old Westhampton High School freshman has been making home movies since he was five years old, all just because he loves making them. But he recently was able to make his movie mark by obtaining a \$5,000 scholarship from a program started by Tiger Woods called Start Something, which awards talented kids that submit projects based on "what they want to be when they grow up." Teachers would then nominate you based on your grades to do an action project. Anthony fit the profile and got the highest award the program offers.

"When I heard about the program, I decided to make a movie because I want to be a director when I grow up. A lot of the other kids were interviewing people with professions that they wanted to do. I wanted to show that I could actually do the profession."

And so, Anthony along with three of his buddies and his little sister put together a very cute, fifteen-minute movie entitled *Vacation*. He then submitted the movie and crossed his fingers. Lucky for him, he was able to get the top prize of \$5,000.

Anthony is a very polite and nice young man whose father owns a local music shop in Westhampton called Powerplay, opened two years ago. Before that, his father made a living DJing and installing audio and video equipment in private homes.

When he was five years old, Anthony's parents took him to see *Jurassic Park*. "I thought it was the coolest thing that I ever saw. After I saw it, I immediately went and got some dinosaur action figures and made a short homemade movie with this clunky old video camera. I would make sounds to the movie and it was really amateur. But I made a bunch. Every time I saw a movie I would get the action figures and do this. I made a *Star Wars* one and a *Godzilla* one too."

He is a huge Spielberg fan, and told me that his *Jurassic Park*, along with *Jaws* and *Indiana Jones*, is one of his favorite movies of all time. Maybe he'll move along in Spielberg's footsteps?

Anthony is also a musician. He has played the guitar for two years and plays the bass clarinet with the school band, which he has been practicing on since fourth grade.

I got the opportunity to sit with Anthony and watch *Vacation* in the back of his father's music studio amongst electronic pianos and foot drums. I found myself cracking up. The eight-foot tall, four college boys that decide the dock mast to go on vacation, but can't with over a six-footer on their way to the airport. In they end up at the air-leaner than the *Grumpy Old Men*. Westhampton's Gabreski Loewen is also concealing the beach. I was also able to turn around the quality of the movie. lengthwise, in the n

A program for students in grades 6-10...



Where did he learn to do that? "I learned how to edit from a guy named Frank Cento, who teaches acting classes. When I told him I wanted to direct he showed me how to edit. My Dad is great with lighting and technical stuff, so I learned a lot of that from him. I also learned how to do sound and lighting from an acting group I was in when I was twelve called MPAC."

Using a digital video camera and editing equipment that he can manipulate on his Apple Computer, Anthony really took the project seriously, and his friends Billy Finn, Mikey Lennon, Brendan Spano and sister Gina Arfi all worked their tails off during the full day of shooting. "We made the movie in a day, but it was a long day."

From the looks of the movie, you can see Anthony's directing skills develop and you could also see how much fun both he and his friends were having shooting the film.

What's next for the young director? Well, making more movies of course. "I just really like making movies. I'm hoping to get one in the Hamptons International Film Festival one day."

That could very well be in his future. As for now, he'll keep making movies, and focus on getting through High School.



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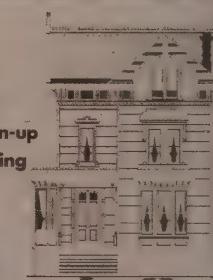
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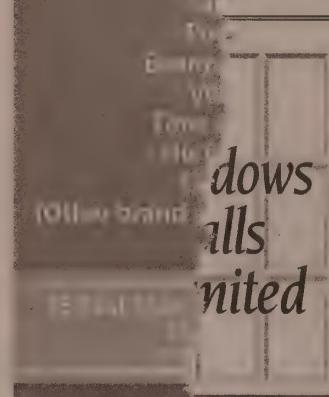
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Skull

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about the question of, what happens now to the land? Does the subdivision continue or does the Town of Southampton decide that they want to keep the land as historical and purchase it with the community preservation fund? The skull will be reburied in a ceremony by the Shinnecock Indian Nation now that it has been turned over to them.

From the Shinnecock's perspective, they are hoping that the land is preserved and their thinking on this is completely justified. After all, if your ancestor's burial ground were disturbed to make way for a house, you'd be pretty upset about it too. You always have to make sure that when you look at a situation like this you step into the shoes of everybody.

If you step into the shoes of the landowner, you can see that though they are feeling sentimental for the historic nature of the land, they also want to do the best they can with their investment.

The Shinnecock Nation exists today on a 480-hectare reservation adjacent to the Town

of Southampton. For centuries, the Shinnecocks have lived on the shores of Eastern Long Island and of the 1,300 remaining members of the tribe, about 600 of them reside on this Reservation located just outside

of Southampton. I have personally attended their Thanksgiving Celebration and can tell you first-hand that they are a wonderful, caring group of people.

The discovery of this Indian skull on a Southampton Town resident's property is a reminder for us of the brutal time when America became America and the horrendous things were done by the white men to the natives. It is our history, a history of real estate development, which has brought us to this point today. So what will happen with the land now?

Nobody from the Town Of Southampton has come out and said that they will preserve the land by purchasing it from the owners at a fair market value, but that doesn't mean that they are throwing the idea out the

window. Years ago, the town did show an interest in preserving the land but no action was carried out. Will this skull discovery rekindle the interest to preserve that land? Only time will tell.



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TWENTYSOMETHING... By David Lion RATTINER

The Dilemma

Well, Christmas is right around the corner, which is pretty scary for most of us. But just like everybody else, I headed out to the Tanger Outlets and to the Bridgehampton Commons to do a little shopping for the family in the hopes of finding the perfect gift.

There is just one simple problem with Christmas shopping, and that is finding the perfect balance between a gift that is cool enough so that particular member of your family that received it says, "Wow, thank you so much," with a cost of about, I don't know, five bucks sounds right to me.

So, of course, you convince yourself that Tanger is the motherload of these types of gifts. Sure, you'll stop by the Commons, maybe pick up a hat and glove set from The Gap, but you got your eyes on Tanger during that shopping day. Riverhead may be a small drive, but it is going to be so worth the trip. Right? Right!?

I was completely pumped to see signs in Tanger that said, "80% Off" when I pulled in. But then, I'd walk into a store and see the sweater for 80% off was marked down from \$6,000 to \$1,200. Not exactly what I had in mind.

I had roamed the streets of Tanger for about



an hour and had not bought a single item for anybody. This was turning into a stressful experience, so I went for a cup of coffee.

At one point, I found myself in Polo for forty-five minutes, staring at a black jacket while sipping a peppermint latte (very good, by the way). I was not planning on buying this jacket for anybody in my family, however. I was planning on buying this jacket for myself. We've all been in this situation right? The moral dilemma that occurs when you turn a gift shopping day into a me shopping day. But that wasn't the only reason I was taking so long to make a purchasing decision. My real problem here was, did I really want this jacket?

Was this jacket really right for me? Does this jacket really represent the human being that I am? Should I get the one in blue? Is it wrong to spend \$100 on a jacket when I should be shopping for others? Should I call my Mom or Dad and ask them to pay for it, perhaps making this one of my Christmas gifts, and of course, I'll just wear it for now? Doing this also guarantees a surprise present, because nobody wants to go empty-handed on the official day of gift giving.

Stress.

What kind of person would I be to call up my

Dad and tell him I wanted this jacket? I'm not in fifth grade anymore. There are no lists when you are 24, just a casual hope.

After forty-five minutes and about four or five pleas from a sales associate to please exit the store or throw out my peppermint latte, I left empty-handed, headed back to my car and took a breath.

Today was just not my shopping day. My wallet and I were not on speaking terms, its confidence in my bargain hunting ability was shot to hell, and my credit card was tucked so tightly away inside of its wallet shell it looked like a hermit crab trying to avoid a deadly peck attack from a seagull.

The holidays are rough for all of us.

If there is one motivating force that drives me to buy gifts for my family, it is fear of shame. Whatever happened to drawing a handmade photo of your mom, signing it in crayon and watching her cry tears of joy? Those were certainly the days, but those days are now over, and showing up on Christmas empty handed would be like showing up to a funeral in a bathing suit. You are just looked at funny.

Of course, none of this is true. It is the gift of giving that really makes me go out and buy things for everyone. It makes me feel good inside when I watch my bank account slowly die a horrible, horrible death every December. It's a warm, fuzzy, new pair of socks kind of feeling that truly makes this time of year, the most wonderful time of year.



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Watchcase

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of its homes abandoned, was one of the cutest little waterfront towns anywhere. You could buy a small cottage built in the 19th century for almost nothing. This was a perfect situation for newly rich New Yorkers who wanted to find inexpensive yet charming summer residences to restore and fix up. Today, Sag Harbor is like a fairyland of village chic, small-town character and in the summer about twenty 150-foot yachts in berths right where whaling boats had been before. It has been an amazing transformation.

Attempts were made in the 1980s to create an apartment building out of the watchcase factory, and in the 1990s to create a shopping mall and an arts complex. But all failed because the hundred years of making watchcases had caused large amounts of pollution to accumulate underneath the factory. The government declared the place a Superfund Site. It would all have to be removed before anything could be done.

Over a five-year period, from 1998 to 2003, various cleanup methods were instigated, including one where fresh water was continually flushed under the building to clean out all the pollutants created by the earlier tenants. The flushing system worked, but would take two years to complete its work. And so a narrow channel was dug from the factory building out into a woods, so the water, with the pollutants strained out, could flow down to one of the large ponds that sits between Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton.

This, it turned out, created a problem for a

species of migratory frogs that every spring would hop through the woods to reproduce themselves in an adjacent pond to the one the water flowed into. Environmentalists pointed out that the migration had to cross the channel. And they feared the frogs would not make it, instead getting drowned at worst or at best swept into the wrong pond. They'd miss the mating. This was a major environmental disaster about to happen.

As a result, a wooden and earthen overpass was created to cross the channel, deep in the woods, with one foot tall walls made of tin along the sides of the overpass so the sex-crazed frogs wouldn't fall off. The system worked. The building site was cleared. The frogs survived, and presumably did what they had to do.

In 2002, the Bulova Company donated a giant antique replica of a clock that was placed on a stanchion on Hampton Road near the factory as part of both the cleanup of the factory building, and the restoration and reconstruction of Hampton Road itself. Hampton Road was narrowed. And "traffic calming" obstructions, curbing, rumble cuts, bike lanes, center islands and planters were put in. The big clock became part of that effort.

In 2003, a whole wall of bricks fell from the third floor of the building, actually opening up the outside to the inside for all to see, and making some think that the many years of abandonment had made the building unsound. However, a building department inspection revealed that the structure was sturdy and in

good condition. It was also free of any pollutants now, both inside and out.

And so, today, Cape Advisors is moving forward, looking to get approval to turn this place into 72 apartment spaces and 26 townhouses.

Interestingly, one of the descendants of the Fahy family just ran for the Democratic Presidential Primaries in 2004 and for a while seemed destined to become the Democratic candidate for President. Howard Dean, the former Governor of New Hampshire, a former physician, and now the Democratic National Chairman, grew up summering in East Hampton where his family, descended from the Fahys, held and continues to hold a membership in the Devon Yacht Club.

The Village of Sag Harbor is currently reviewing this application for the restoration of the Fahys' Watchcase Factory building. The only other option that seems possible for this property is to clear the old building and make it into a big parking lot for downtown, which the main street now very much needs. It could park 90 cars. But the building is historic, though Dickinsonian, and tightly knit downtown communities can find other ways to deal with parking, from parking garages to trolleys that can take people to outlying areas. Sag Harbor, in case you hadn't noticed, is a wonderful walking town.

This newspaper hopes that the restoration, once it meets the village guidelines, is approved and goes ahead. The last big abandoned building in Sag Harbor, and, in fact, all the Hamptons will have sprung back to life. •

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Surprise Name for Bypass

By Dan Rattiner

Three months ago, some of the officials in the state of New Jersey pulled off a big surprise. Up in the sports complex of the Meadowlands, a giant ripcord was pulled, some parachute fabric fell to the ground, and the entire side wall of the brand new sports arena was revealed to show ten-foot letters.

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And though the naming of the arena in this unusual manner has provoked controversy since then, the name still stands, clearly visible to

passing motorists on the New Jersey Turnpike three miles away, and on a clear day, even visible from the skyscrapers of Manhattan.

Under the circumstances, it occurred to this newspaper to investigate whether such a surprise is in the works for the new South Fork bypass, which was announced at a press conference in Hauppauge three weeks ago. The bypass, which will connect Shinnecock with Amagansett, will cost tens of millions of dollars and, if approved, will take five years to build. Certainly it is a project worthy of a major name. Yet, as of this writing, none has been publicly forthcoming.

We assigned three investigative reporters to this task and for two weeks they got nowhere.

Then, just two days ago, one of four reporters came in with a very interesting roll of film.

"I took it through the window of an airplane hangar in Westhampton Beach," he said.

What was on this film were two groupings of giant steel letters, each ten feet high. "HUGH" was what one of the groupings read. "DRIVEW" is what the other read. Could it be?

We took these photographs to a high-ranking official in the State Highway Department and, indeed, he confessed all. The "HUGH" is for "HUGH L. CAREY" and the "DRIVEW" is the first part of the word "DRIVEWAY."

The name is to be erected on a giant metal archway that will arc across the road at its

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they're preparing the children for the hard knocks of adulthood.' I said, 'No, they're preparing the French to be mean, which is their reputation worldwide."

"At first when I started to express myself through writing, I found it extremely difficult. I think this is because English is my second written language. I learned to write and read in French first, and the object of French, I suspect, is to be as indirect as possible, while the object of English is quite the opposite."

"I wanted to be an actor when I was a teenager before my father died, but realized I didn't have the strength of character it would take." Kaylie Jones went to Wesleyan University for her undergraduate studies and Columbia University School of the Arts where she received her MFA in Writing. She thinks that it is tougher than ever to get noticed by big publishers today, and cheers her students to write *fabulous* books. "I think the battle for literary fiction is slowly — or quickly — being lost, but I'm prepared to fight to the end!"

"The first time I really believed I wanted to write was when I was reading *War and Peace*. Tolstoy had been obsessed with death and dying and wrote a great deal on the subject. That was when I had the first truly spiritual revelation of my life . . . and felt Tolstoy was speaking directly to me in my rage and agony over my Dad's recent death. I felt this great relief wash over me and I thought, 'My God, this man who died almost a hundred years ago can make me feel this way, then all people can find hope and salvation through the written word.'"

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that poses the same question, albeit a little louder. Their petition includes barring anything to be done with the Hot Dog, Tiana, and Summers Beach Properties, as well as the prohibition of water taxis. Because the Town's plans for all but the Summers Beach property include nothing more than building bathrooms and re-opening existing food stands on the aptly-named Hot Dog Beach, and utilizing Tiana beach as a place to extend children's recreational activities, already being held on the bay, to the ocean side of that beach, the petition has been seen by some as misguided and premature.

The mere fact that East Quogue residents feel the need to be up in arms over Councilman Kenny's idea, however, should be enough to signal to the Town that perhaps building a campsite on Dune Road is not something that residents are willing to pay for with their Community Preservation Fund money. Although our National Parks have RV and tent campgrounds, the context of these two places is incomparable. In a multi-thousand acre National Park, an acre or two of RV and tent camping, covered by dense, mature forests, barely makes a dent in the natural



Photo by Christian McLean

This modern home is to be a museum of modern architecture at Hot Dog Beach

beauty of the park. However, the delicate ecosystem of the East End beaches has no forest cover, and the area in question is already surrounded by development. Therefore, any sort of RV campground on that site would be exactly what residents and Councilman Steve Kenny do not want — an eyesore. Perhaps the Councilman is not aware of the current state of the RV market in the United States. He did say, "I don't know the RV market. That's why we need someone to tell us (about it)." While the Councilman is envisioning "middle-class families with their kids (having) a wilderness experience... in VW vans and pop-up tents on the backs of their pickup trucks," the residents of East Quogue foresee 40-foot luxury liners parked inches from the dunes. And although the Councilman said that "a 40-foot luxury RV is not our target market," the average middle-class American family rents a motorhome for their vacation, which is the largest of all vehicles considered an RV, most topping out at 13 feet high, eight feet wide, and between 45 and 65 feet long. And because one out of every twelve families that drives owns an RV, and RV rentals skyrocketed 40% last year, Summers Beach could potentially

be a very busy place.

Putting aesthetics aside, the purpose of the Community Preservation Fund, which is taken from taxpayer money, is to preserve the East End. Linda Dietz commented that, "When I hear Community Preservation Fund, I think of the government buying and protecting natural land and keeping it undeveloped. To me, that's what conservation is." And although Councilman Kenny is trying to garner grant money for the actual building of the site, the land itself was purchased with Preservation Fund money. Hiking trails, parks, a public bathroom and small parking lot are perhaps the only additions that should be made to land purchased with money from that Fund. The Community Preservation Fund should be used to restore architecture and to preserve and restore natural areas. If the town of Southampton desperately needs somewhere to park RVs, then they should have appealed for State or Federal funding, just as the National Parks do. But because they did not use outside funding, and used taxpayer money from a fund that was just recently voted on by Town residents as a necessity to preserve what remains of our natural landscape and historic buildings, using the Summers Beach property for anything other than that is inappropriate. Steve Kenny has not yet made a formal proposal, and explained that until he receives enough grant money to hire a planning and environmental consultant, the plan cannot proceed. Judging by the reaction to the idea's mere suggestions, when he does procure the funds, it will be quite a surprise if the plan makes it past the Town Meeting House doors, let alone all the way to Dune Road.

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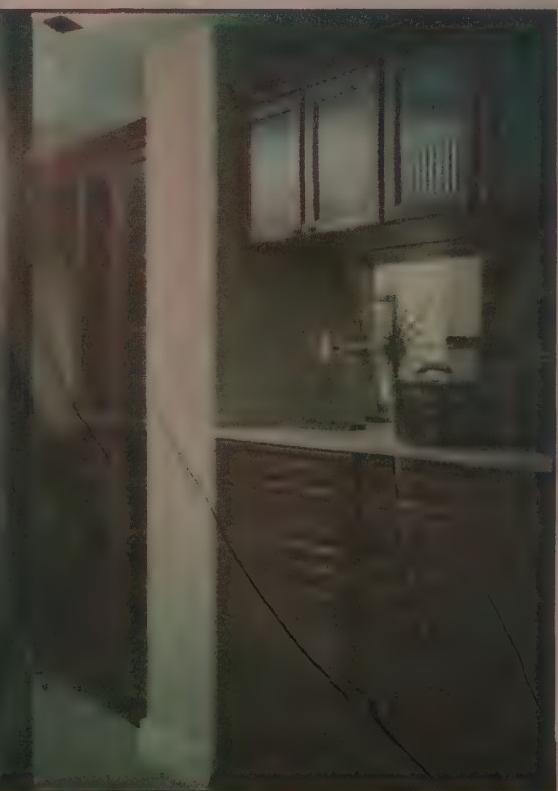
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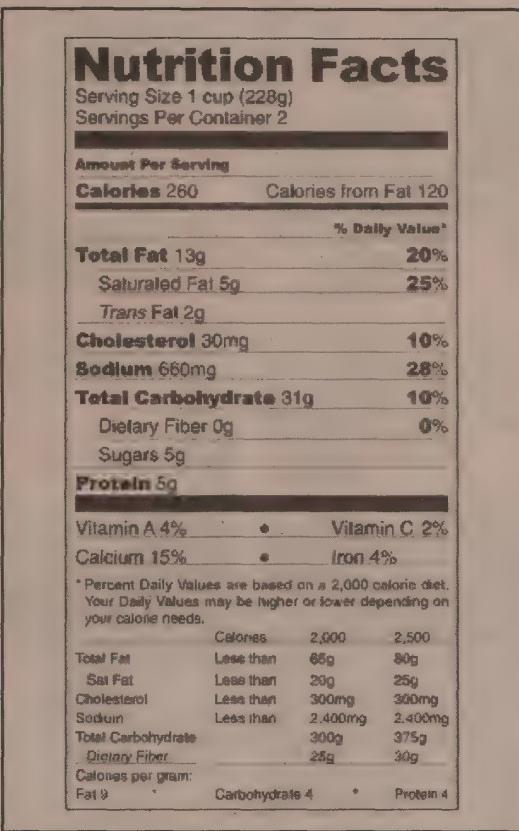
product package. But recently, food manufacturers have found a technical way around the problem. They have found a way to partially hydrogenate oil and though it remains bad for you, it comes up on the meter as having no trans fat. So products say trans fat 0, but in the ingredients it says the product has partially hydrogenated oil, which is legal.

How this will impact the City of New York remains to be seen. New York City is the gourmet capital of America. Zagat says so. Michelin says so. When you go out to eat to a fine restaurant, you know so.

Chefs are going to have to reformulate their recipes. And if things go as planned, New Yorkers, when they travel around the country, will stick out like a sore thumb. They will be the Thin People. The Thin People looking for a good meal. Though it is said that you cannot taste something that has trans fat in it, I don't believe it. Whenever I eat anything with trans fat in it, I feel as if I have eaten some heavy sort of goo, it makes me very tired, and I want more and more of it.

Look at the packaging before you buy a food product. If it says partially dehydrogenated oil, whether or not it says trans fat 0, don't buy it. At a restaurant, try to order fresh made things, things that do not require that they be preserved back there in the kitchen. Salads are good. Ring Dings are bad. An apple is good. Chocolate Mousse is bad. But you knew that.

I do worry that all of this might just be pol-



itics. Pass something like this that is good for your health and everybody cheers. But then we find out that partially dehydrogenated oil can make you fat and they've found a way to say it has trans fat 0 and they can make that stick. So this means nothing.

I think all the fat people in America — all you have to do is watch an old movie made before the 1970s to see how slender and normal everybody was compared to today when so many people just look dreadfully obese — have wound up fat because of economic competition. A hamburger tastes good. A hamburger with trans fat or partially hydrogenated oil tastes better. So the crowds go where things taste better and then they waddle home and wonder what happened. What happens is they feel good about the food they ate, but they are at increased risk for diabetes, heart disease and cancer, and they need a nap.

From that point of view, in the next year or two, until the whole state and the rest of the country gets the idea that what the city is doing is the right thing to do, the restaurants in the Hamptons just might be in for a windfall. Like the speakeasies during prohibition, we are just a short ride from Manhattan, we've got the first class restaurants, and they will still be serving this great tasting stuff that makes you fat. Come on out, pardner.

Of course, the Hamptons could make the ban itself. Maybe Southampton but not East Hampton, or East Hampton but not Southampton. So you'll have fat people here and thin people there or vice versa.

Or individual restaurants in the Hamptons could meet the challenge and declare themselves trans fat and partially hydrogenated oil free too. We shall see.

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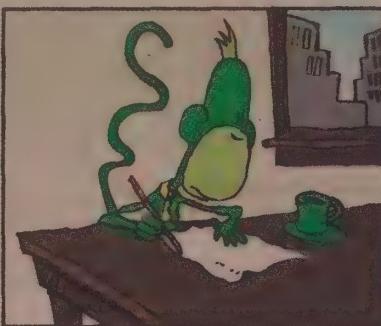
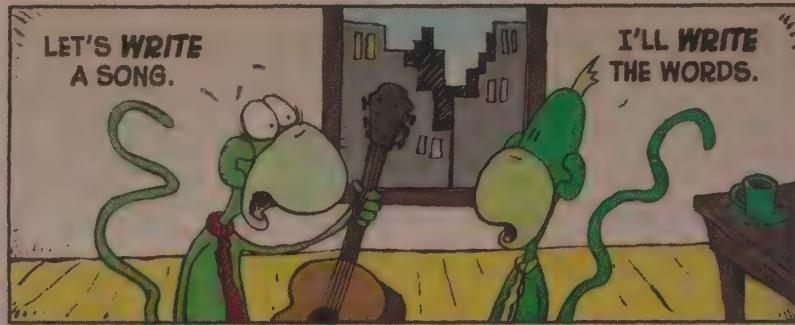
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Understanding Pro Football

By Dan Rattiner

We were sitting watching a football game between the New York Jets and the Green Bay Packers on TV.

"This is a very important game," he said. "If Green Bay wins then Green Bay makes the playoffs and the Jets do not. And the New York Giants chances are reduced to less than one in five."

"The Giants?" I said. "I thought the game was between the Jets and the Packers?"

"It is. But the outcome of this game affects the New York Giants. If the Jets lose then the Giants are up the creek. If the Jets WIN, however, then the Giants are GUARANTEED of making the playoffs."

"I thought the Jets hated the Giants."

"They probably do. But if the Jets win, then the JETS make the playoffs as well. So it is in

Bypass

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beginning in Shinnecock. Motorists will pass right through it."

The Hugh L. Carey part we understood, since it was Governor Carey who made the proposal that the road be built. But what about the "Driveway" part?

"As you must know," the official said, "Governor Carey has a summer home on Shelter Island. If you follow the route of the bypass, you see that the bypass serves as a direct route to Governor Carey's house. He no longer will have to stop at the traffic lights of Southampton, Water Mill and Bridgehampton. He can now go absolutely direct. Almost right to his door."

The Governor, we were told, knows nothing of this plan. It was supposed to be a surprise.

"I guess the cat is out of the bag now," the official sighed.

In any case, this newspaper is glad to be able to reveal this information for the first time. Most local people seem to be opposed to the building of the new highway, since they cannot see where it will alleviate the traffic situation on the Montauk Highway but simply exacerbate the problem, bringing more people into the area. Now that it is clear the road really does have a legitimate purpose, we have little doubt that all opposition will be dropped.

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their interest. On the other hand, even if Green Bay loses, they could still make the playoffs."

"They could?"

"Well it is a long shot. In another league, the Miami Dolphins are playing the Buffalo Bills. Both of these teams have ALREADY qualified for the playoffs, although, whichever team wins, wins the Conference Championship."

"Do they get anything for that?"

"No. As I said, they're both in the playoffs. But the interesting thing is how their game affects Green Bay. If Green Bay loses and Miami wins then Green Bay still doesn't get into the playoffs."

"I don't understand."

"Where Green Bay lucks out is if Miami and Buffalo play to a tie. In that case, figuring some complicated mathematics, then Green Bay DOES get a playoff spot."

"Only if there is a tie."

"And only if Green Bay loses. Incidentally, there is another very important game on TV right after this one. It is between the two worst teams in professional football, the Baltimore Colts and the New England Patriots. They are playing for first choice in next year's College Player Draft."

"The winner gets the first choice?"

"No, the loser gets it. The worst team in football gets the first choice of all the graduating seniors. It gives them quite an advantage."

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The Sheltered Islander By Sally Flynn

Sheltered Islander #427

Sounds of the Season

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"We had Christmas with your family last year, this year is my family's turn."

"Why are toys so expensive? I never got this much!"

"Why should I spend \$80 for a toy? They're just gonna climb in the box and play in that all day."

"I just can't send cards to everyone anymore. Between the cards and stamps, sheesh...I'm just gonna send to family and our closest friends."

"Why do they always put the gorgeous paper that I want next to the blah paper that I can afford?"

"We've got to clean this house... and you're all helping! STOP! Don't run for that door! Get back here you cowards! Get back in here all of you! George! Get out of the car! You get those kids back in here!"

"Hi Mom, it's me. The coast is clear. I asked for help cleaning the house, George and the kids disappeared... seventeen seconds... I think it's a new record. You and Dad can bring over the presents now. I got wrapping and bows. Can you bring tape?"

"No, there is no acceptable Rap version of "White Christmas." Put down the Bing Crosby record and move away from the stereo..."

"Who erased the Charlie Brown Christmas



from the Tivo? It's not stupid. It's traditional. That's right, you watched it when you were two and you'll watch it again when I'm ready and you'll like it... Because it puts Mom and me in the Christmas spirit, that's why. Fifteen is not too old to watch it, neither is fifty."

"Brad, since your car can find the liquor store with or without you driving, will you get me some rum on your next trip? Huh? For rum balls and fruitcake. Okay, then get two bottles. No, we're not going to drink a bottle of Captain Morgan. We're not playing pirate and slave girl on Christmas Eve. No, I don't care if you put a bow on it, the answer is no... I know, but that was when we were young and childless. If we

do that in front of the fireplace now we'll scare off the reindeer and your back will be out for a week."

"Re-gifting is only for those who can keep track of who gave them the gift in the first place, Karen. You don't want to give somebody the same gift they gave you. Well, think... who would give you a cookbook? ...Of course, Mom. Right, so you can't give that to her for Christmas. No... I don't think the black nightgown that Benny gave you would work for Mom. Husbands freak if they see their mother-in-law in sexy nightgowns. Better put her on the list of people who are getting new gifts this year."

"Joe, tell your brother to stop teaching the kids to stuff mini-marshmallows up their noses. Why? Because he's YOUR brother! My family doesn't do that...we should go to my mother's this year."

"Because it's an Island tradition to go to the tree lighting... it's not lame... when you're grown, you'll remember it fondly. Well, there's a few people who sing in tune, but that's not the point. The point is that everyone sings. You won't be embarrassed. Just sing out. The angels will rearrange the notes on the way up. By the time the carol reaches heaven, it'll be beautiful. Yes. I do have an answer for everything. Now put on your coat and get in the car. You can get a head start on complaining about the cold."

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	Montauk	4:30	—	—	6:30	7:30	—	—	9:30	—	11:30	12:30	1:30	—	—	3:45	—	6:45	5:30	6:30	7:30	7:45	9:30	
	Napeague	4:35	—	—	6:35	7:35	—	—	9:35	—	11:35	12:35	1:35	—	—	3:50	—	6:50	5:35	6:35	7:30	7:50	9:35	
	Amagansett	4:50	5:50	6:20	6:50	7:50	8:50	9:35	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	1:55	2:35	—	4:05	4:35	5:05	5:50	6:50	7:20	8:05	9:50	
	East Hampton	5:00	6:00	6:30	7:00	8:00	9:00	9:45	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	2:05	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	6:00	7:00	7:30	8:15	10:00	
	Wainscott	5:05	6:05	—	7:05	8:05	9:05	—	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	—	2:50	4:25	—	5:20	6:05	7:05	—	8:20	10:05	
	Sag Harbor	—	—	—	8:00	—	—	—	10:00	—	—	1:00	—	—	3:00	4:00	4:30	5:00	—	6:05	—	8:15	10:00	
	Bridgehampton	5:10	6:10	6:45	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:00	10:15	11:15	12:15	1:15	2:15	2:20	3:00	4:35	—	5:30	6:15	7:15	7:45	8:30	10:15	
	Water Mill	5:15	6:15	6:50	7:20	8:20	9:20	10:05	10:20	11:20	12:20	1:20	2:20	2:30	3:10	4:45	5:10	5:35	6:20	7:20	7:50	8:35	10:20	
	Southampton	4:45	5:20*	6:25	7:00	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:15	10:30	11:30	1:30	2:30	2:45	3:30	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:45	6:30	7:30	8:00	8:45	10:30
	Manorville	5:10	5:45*	6:50	7:25	7:55	8:55	—	—	10:55	—	12:55	1:55	2:55	—	3:55	—	5:25	—	6:55	7:55	—	9:10	10:55
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	Manhattan	6:45	7:25	8:45	9:10	9:45	10:30	11:30	12:15	12:30	1:30	2:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	4:45	5:30	6:45	7:30	7:45	8:30	9:30	10:45	12:30

To The Hamptons Eastbound

DEPARTING	ARRIVING	HJ Offers Upper West Side Service indicated by the W																						
		Fri & Sat Only	7 Days	Mon thru Sat	7 Days																			
	Manhattan / 86th St.	7:30	9:30	9:30	10:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:30	
	Manhattan / 69th St.	7:35	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05	11:35	1:05	1:35	2:35	3:05	3:35	4:05	5:05	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:35	9:35	10:35	
	Manhattan / 59th St.	7:40	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:10	1:40	2:40	3:10	3:40	4:40	5:10	5:40	6:10	6:40	7:10	7:40	8:10	9:40	
	Manhattan / 40th St.	8:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:30	2:00	3:00	3:30	4:00	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	9:30	10:30	
	Airport Connection	8:20	9:20	9:50	10:20	11:50	12:20	12:20	1:20	1:50	2:25	3:25	3:55	4:25	5:25	5:55	6:25	6:55	7:25	7:55	8:20	8:50	9:20	10:50
		9:30	10:30	—	11:30	—	—	1:30	—	3:30	4:50	—	5:50	6:35	—	7:35	8:05	8:35	—	9:35	10:00	—	11:00	11:30
	Manorville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2:30	—	3:30	4:50	—	5:50	6:35	—	7:35	8:05	8:35	—	9:35	10:00
	Southampton	10:00	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	2:00	3:00	3:30	4:00	5:20	5:30	6:20	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:30	10:00	11:00	11:30	12:00	
	Water Mill	10:05	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	2:05	3:05	3:35	4:05	5:25	5:35	6:25	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:35	9:35	10:05	11:05	11:35	12:05	
	Bridgehampton	10:15	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	1:15	2:15	3:15	3:45	4:15	5:35	5:45	6:35	7:15	7:45	8:15	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:15	14:45	
	Sag Harbor	—	11:20	—	—	—	—	—	2:20	—	4:20	—	6:40	—	7:50	—	9:20	—	10:20	—	11:50	—	—	—
	Wainscott	10:20	11:20	—	12:20	—	1:20	2:20	3:20	—	4:20	5:40	—	6:40	7:20	7:50	8:20	—	9:20	9:50	—	10:50	—	11:50
	East Hampton	10:30	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:50	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:35	12:00
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	Napeague	10:55	11:55	—	12:55	—	—	2:55	3:55	—	4:55	6:15	—	7:15	7:55	—	8:55	—	9:55	—	—	—	—	12:25
	Montauk	11:00	12:00	12:30	1:00	—	—	3:00	4:00	—	5:00	6:20	6:30	7:20	8:00	—	9:00	—	10:00	—	—	—	—	12:30

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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more than 45 other bands in The Knitting Factory's Battle of the Bands on November 12 in New York City. Their band, **Too Busy Being Bored**, will use the 46 hours of studio time they won in the contest to record their first album.

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East Hampton's **Martha Stewart** attended the much-anticipated opening of Tom Stoppard's new play, *The Coast of Utopia - Part One, The Voyage*, and the after party at Tavern on the Green. Other celebrity audience members included **Chelsea Clinton**, Blair Brown, Zoe Caldwell, Stockard Channing, Jill Clayburgh, Joanna Gleason, Paul Rudnick, Kate Burton and Vaclav Havel.

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East Hampton's **Katie Couric** may be adding even more shows to her already busy schedule, as CBS News president **Sean McManus** has named her, along with **Anderson Cooper**, **Lara Logan**, **Scott Pelley** and **Byron Pitts**, as Ed Bradley replacements for the next season of "60 Minutes." McManus says Bradley cannot be replaced by only one host.

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Uma Thurman's main squeeze and owner of Shelter Island's Sunset Beach Club, **André Balazs**, hosted a launch party for his new residential project, the William Beaver House, in Manhattan's financial district last week accompanied by the musical talents of French DJ **Stephane Pompougnac**.

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Beautiful TV host, model and girlfriend of Hamptonite **Howard Stern**, **Beth Ostrosky**, has recently been spotted cozying up to another beautiful blonde (hint, he has puppy breath and a cold, wet black nose) in the North Shore Animal League's "pick of the month" ads.

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Southampton Intermediate School's ten-year-old acting sensation, **Dylan Blue**, is currently starring in the recently opened film, *Deck The Halls*, with "Sex and the City's" **Kristin Davis**, **Danny de Vito** and Amagansett resident **Matthew Broderick**.

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On Saturday, world-renowned artist **Mia Fonssagrives-Solow**'s fanciful wooden penguins, monkeys and reindeer, recently seen in the holiday windows of Cartier and Bergdorf Goodman's in New York City, will be on display to delight everyone at CMEE's Holiday FUNdraiser. For tickets to the FUNdraiser, call (631) 537-8250, or visit www.CMEE.org.

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Last weekend, *Dan's Papers* photographer **Barry Gordin** and theater critic **Patrick Christiano** spotted **Diane von Furstenberg**, **Barry Diller**, **Kathleen**

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Turner, Mickey and Leila Strauss, Ellen Barkin, Terrance McNalley, Tom Kirdahy, Joan Rivers, Kate Winslet, and Lauren Bacall at the Broadway debuts of **Julianne Moore** and **Bill Nighy** in the world premiere of **David Hare's** new play, *The Vertical Hour*, at the Music Box Theatre in New York City.

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The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding held its annual Fall Benefit last Tuesday in New York City's Crown Building. **Rabbi Marc Schneier**, President, and **Russell Simmons**, Chairman, presented Joseph Papp Racial Harmony Awards for 2006 to **Michael Karsch**, Founder, Portfolio Manager, Karsch Capital Management; **William M. Lewis Jr.**, Co-Chairman of Investment Banking, Lazard Ltd.; and **Alex Sapir**, President, The Sapir Organization. The event is held annually to benefit the many programs of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding. For more information, visit www.ffeu.org.

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Congratulations to **Dick White** of Montauk, who will receive the Nick Monte Lifetime Community Leadership Award this Saturday at 5 p.m. during the Holiday Tree Lighting Show at Gurney's Inn. Santa Claus will present the award.

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Cooper of The Gallery in Sag Harbor, and an honorable mention for their work on Hamptons Restaurant Week.

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Barbara Warner of Southampton will be hosting a book signing and holiday toast to her pals **Claudia Lebenthal** and **Daniel Stark** at H Groome in Southampton this weekend. Claudia and Daniel have just launched *Stoked, The Evolution of Action Sports*, a chronicle of extreme sports with an introduction by Pulitzer Prize winner **Buzz Bissinger**. Claudia joins Dad **Jim Lebenthal** and sister **Alexandra** on the hot book lists.

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Hamptons regulars **Mariska Hargitay**, **Peter Hermann**, **Ellen Barkin**, **Jimmy** and

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STARLIGHT BALL

Christie Brinkley was honored at the Fourth Annual Starlight Ball, a benefit for the Steven J. Ross Scholarship Fund where Courtney Ross presented Trevor Green with a scholarship. Alexa Ray Joel, who attended the Ross School for seven years, gave a special performance with her band following the live auction. Dinner was catered by Food & Co. The Ross School attracts a diverse and energetic group of students and a world-class faculty.



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"THE VERTICAL HOUR" PREMIERE



The world premiere of David Hare's new play "The Vertical Hour" opened at The Music Box Theatre, where many members of the Hamptons community toasted the Broadway debut of four-time Academy Award Nominee Julianne Moore and the acclaimed British Film and Stage Actor Bill Nighy.

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Dan's North Fork

Easy Commute

Digger's Owner Lives Literally On Top Of His Restaurant

By Debbie Tuma

For Stephen and Cherie Wirth, life revolves around Riverhead Main Street, where they recently bought the building housing the famous local "Digger's" restaurant and bar.

"We met, got married, and now live on Main Street here in Riverhead," said Cherie Wirth, who met her husband Stephen in 1997, when he was bartending at Digger's Restaurant, and she walked in with her girlfriend one night. They were only the second couple to get married five years ago at Atlantis Marine World Aquarium, which is also located on Main Street in Riverhead, and then they eventually moved to the 3,400 square-foot apartment they now share on the floor above Digger's.

"I guess you could call us, "Main Street People," said Cherie Wirth, 30, who was born and raised in Riverhead, where she graduated from Riverhead High School. "We love the convenience of walking downstairs and getting our morning coffee at the nearby café, and the local paper, and also I love to shop or get my hair done right near my home."

Stephen Wirth, 35, has been a "fixture" at Diggers for many years. "It's the only job I've ever had," he admits. "I started bartending here after college, and then I became the manager. I love this business, and that's why I'm still here."

Wirth, who hails from Romulus, in upstate New York, explained that he studied political science at Cortland State College, and considered a career in industrial labor relations, but he continued to bartend at Digger's after college. He worked for the first two owners of the former "Digger O'Dell's" and when



the second owner went out of business, Wirth decided to buy the building in October of 2004, and in April of 2005, he bought "Digger's," which he renamed "Digger's Fine Foods and Spirits."

"This popular restaurant and bar have been here since 1993," said Wirth. "I decided to keep the name "Digger's," because Digger O'Dell was a character from the "Life of Reilly" radio show—he was a friendly undertaker in the show." Coincidentally, the second floor above Digger's was formerly occupied by WRCN Radio Station, and then by Love 91.6 Radio Station.

"When we decided to live there, we converted this huge, 19-room space into our living space," said Cherie Wirth. "It was perfect, because the radio stations had sound-proofed several of the rooms, so now we don't hear the noise from the bar and restaurant below us." But she added, "My husband and I are music people, so we really don't mind hearing some of the music downstairs, when the live bands play here on the weekends. Especially when the bands are

good!"

The Wirths also have a three-month old daughter, Avrie Sophia Wirth, and they have been busy making their new apartment comfortable for her. The building which they bought also includes another local bar downstairs, called, "Schuluman's Pub."

Stephen Wirth said "Digger's Fine Food and Spirits" tries to cater to everyone, by serving American cuisine, with fresh seafood, steaks and Irish specialties. His Executive Chef, Rick DeLuca, and his staff, also serve some Thai and French specials, and they cater to the beer and hamburger crowd as well as the healthy salad crowds.

"We have something for everyone. Our menu caters to the tastes of the blue collar workers to the judges and lawyers," said Stephen Wirth. "We also have a wide selection of about 12 beers on tap, and about 25 bottled beers." On weekends, they have live bands featuring music from rock to blues and soul, also pleasing a large and varied crowd.

Both Stephen and Cherie said their work and private life on Main Street, Riverhead suits them just fine. "It's like living in the city, but still living in the country," said Stephen. "Living upstairs, I'm close to work, and I don't have to travel very far. And when we get tired of our food, we walk around the corner, to eat Chinese food and pizza."

Cherie Wirth agreed. "It's nice to know the other shop owners downtown. Riverhead is a great place. I can't wait till there are more people living on Main Street. Growing up here over the years, I've noticed that I've really become more involved in the community here."

A North Forker Goes Far On His Motorcycle

The Story Of A Man Who Went To The Arctic, Oregon and Back

By T.J. Clemente

Lot's of people go on cross-country trips. They zip through towns and places they have never heard of and see strange, new and interesting things. There is a North Fork resident however, that did this on a motorcycle and also traveled to The Arctic on it. To do this on a motorcycle would even add to the adventure with all the openness to truly experiencing it all, but this story is beyond that. This is the story of a 60-years young, former police officer who decided to fulfill a dream. The dream was to motorcycle to The Arctic circle starting from his home on the North Fork.

Retired Suffolk County Police Officer Tom Maguire of Cutchogue has just recently completed an adventure of a lifetime, after talking up the trip of riding to the Arctic Circle, after his lovely wife Joanne practically "shoved him out the door" to make his dream become a reality. Not being a mechanic, Tom took the precautions of locating and scheduling maintenance stops along the way. He also worked it out so that he could be ready for the grueling physical demands he knew were coming. Tom had already crossed the United States on a motor cycle 5 times. Tom used a two-year-old Ducati, which he reportedly believes to be the "sexiest" because of its sleek lines.

For this trip, Tom Maguire chose a route that took him from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, back to New York leaving the U.S.A via Messina, N.Y. thus entering Canada. Then Tom went across the top of the Great Lakes through Ontario. He re-entered the U.S. to travel across the northern parts Minnesota and South Dakota.

He didn't plan on trouble in South Dakota, but with

some local kindness, a flat tire had him stuck looking for a Ducati tire. Getting to the final repair shop and from a diner where he got the flat, ended up only costing him \$30.39, including having a kind someone transport the bike to be repaired. In Montana, he won a BMW long-distance motorcycle race even though he was riding the Ducati. After entering Wyoming, he went back into Montana through Glacier National Park and Idaho before reentering Canada crossing Alberta, British Columbia and racing up the Yukon Territory. Taking the Alcan Highway to Dawson City in order to catch a ferry for the last 240 miles to the Top of The World Highway, which Tom Maguire reportedly calls, "so remote but so beautiful." This also tested his motor skills due to the fact it is mostly unpaved.

Proceeding through Eagle, Alaska he headed to Fairbanks to get on the Haul Road, which took him finally to the Arctic Circle, passing many miles of oil pipeline. Dodging high-speed passing trucks on 250 miles of unpaved roads was difficult, dangerous, and trying. Rocks dust and debris often headed at him from huge trucks going the other way at the high speeds.

After attaining his goal of getting to the Arctic Circle, Tom turned his wheels to visit Denali National Park, home of Mt. McKinley just over 20,000 feet high the highest point in all of North America. From there he went through Anchorage and then using the Cassiar



Highway, Tom spent time watching grizzlies catch salmon. After all of this he took a victory lap through Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado and Kansas before a call from Joanne had him on Route 70 directly home.

Tom reportedly had plans to do a lot of camping out, to see the stars and get in touch with nature but the need for a hot shower and a soft bed caused him to do less camping than he wanted. However, he enjoyed the stories and real life experiences of the people he did meet. He reportedly calls Eagle, Alaska the area of his fondest memories of the whole trip because of its difficulty and beauty.

After an adventure like this, one might think Tom had had enough of motorcycle traveling. Not true. He is now planning a short excursion to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Quebec with his lovely wife, Joanne. (It is important to note that when retired Suffolk Police Officer Tom Maguire has to get around the North Fork he also drives a Dodge Pickup truck and a Mazda Miata.)

Tom found some advice that he wanted to share on this trip. Follow lifetime adventure goals and dreams. He reportedly says "Just do it...life is not a dress rehearsal...carpe diem." What he might also say is life is to be lived and dreams are to be obtained while you can do them. The North Fork of Long Island with its farms, small towns and many wine vineyards is a place to live, enjoy life, and make plans. Tom Maguire did all of that, and then some.

North Fork Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

NAUTICAL BUT NICE- Greenport, "The Sirens' Song Gallery" presents "...Nautical But Nice". Limited edition contemporary prints, book arts, sculpture, and unique collectibles. November 30 through January 7. Also on view are prints by Caroline Waloski, running concurrently with her Solo exhibition in Elk, Poland at the Galeria Slad, sponsored by the Kultura Centrum. Winter gallery hours Thursday through Sunday, 1-6pm, or by appointment, and when the colors are flying. 516 Main Street, Greenport, 631-477-1021. Email cwaloski@earthlink.net www.sirensongallery.com

GREASE- Riverhead School Blue Masques Present "GREASE" Thursday and Friday, December 8 and 9 at 8 p.m., RHS Aud. AND Sunday, December 10, 1:00 PM, RHS Aud. Tickets \$8 in Advance, \$10 at the door, Contact Sean O'Hara at 369-6750 or Call the RHS Main Office at 631-369-6727.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

ART EXHIBIT- The Suffolk County Historical Society is pleased to present the exhibition "Caroline M. Bell and the Peconic Bay Impressionists," the first comprehensive exhibition devoted to the North Fork impressionist, her peers, and students - known collectively as the *Peconic Bay Impressionists*. The exhibit will be on view through April 30, 2007, with a wine and cheese opening reception (open to the public) to be held on Friday, December 8, from 5 - 8 pm at the *Suffolk County Historical Society* building, 300 West Main Street, Riverhead, NY. 631-668-7507.

CHRISTMAS SHOP- Opening of Oysterponds Historical Society's Beach Plum Christmas shop at Janet Swanson Gallery, Orient. Open Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Saturday, noon-6 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m. through Dec. 24. 631-323-2480.

CHRISTMAS CAROL- North Fork Community Theatre in Mattituck presents a reading of 'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol.' Admission Donation of \$5 and nonperishable food item. Profits go to local charities. 631-298-4500.

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8 p.m. 'A Cure for the Winter Blues' presented by Jackie Martling and Cadillac Moon at Vail-Leavitt Music Hall, Riverhead. For mature audiences only. Tickets \$25. Advance sales East End Arts Council,

631-727-0900; EastEnders Coffee House, 631-727-2656.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAY HI TO SANTA! 10 a.m. Santa comes to Mattituck Shopping Center sponsored by Mattituck Chamber of Commerce. Free movie showing at Mattituck Cinemas, hot chocolate, carols, coupons for free ice cream from Lickity Splitz, cookies from Nabisco and photos taken with Santa courtesy of Eckerd Photo Lab.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas bazaar and antique show at Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. Christmas decorations, holiday greens and antique vendors.

CHRISTMAS IN CUTCHOGUE- 9:15 a.m. 'Christmas in Cutchogue' sponsored by North Fork Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies Auxiliary of Cutchogue Fire Department. Refreshments and magic show at 9:15 a.m. Santa will arrive by helicopter at the fire house at 10:15 a.m. and will travel to Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library.

FREE PARTY AT MARTHA CLARA- Free Christmas Party at Martha Clara Vineyards, with wine, dancing and food. From 6 p.m. to 12 p.m. Located in Riverhead. Call 631-298-0075 for more information.

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POTLUCK DINNER- 6:30 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner hosted by EarthSave to promote healthy, planet-friendly food choices, at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead. Lecture follows dinner. Bring vegetarian dish for 6-8 people. 631-567-5280.

BUS TRIP TO MANHATTAN- 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Bus trip to Manhattan offered by Friends of Cutchogue New Suffolk Library. Dropoff points TKT booth, Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History. Adults, \$18.50; under 16 (with adult only), \$10. 734-6360.

BONFIRE- 4 p.m. Annual bonfire and holiday celebration sponsored by Riverhead Town and Business Improvement District, held on Peconic Riverfront. Photos with Santa, tree-lighting, carols, free hot chocolate for children. Rain date Dec. 16. 631-727-3200, ext. 223.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Craft fair at St. John the Evangelist Church, Riverhead, in Parish Center. Vendors \$25. 631-727-2030.

ART EXHIBIT- Edward Batcheller, Claudia Hart, John Levien and Robert Strimban will be showing images and sculptures of creatures, both familiar and imaginary in creatures + at Art Sites, 651 West Main Street, Riverhead. The exhibition will run from November 25 - January 14. A reception will be held today from 5 - 7 PM. 631-591-2401.

HOLIDAY BENEFIT AT DeCORDOVA- From Nov. 25- to Dec. 27 enjoy a holiday benefit show for Maureen's Haven, an organization that provides shelter for the homeless during the winter months on the East End. Will feature paintings by twenty artists. Holiday hours are Fridays, 3-7 p.m., Sat and Sun noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Located in Greenport. Call 631-477-0620.

GIFT GIVING AT PALMER VINYARDS- This year, the gifts are being given out by the award-winning North Fork winery. Holiday season visitors to Palmer Vineyards Holiday Open House, not only get a respite from the hectic holiday season, but also will receive a free Christmas tree ornament with the purchase of a glass of wine in the tasting room. In addition, Palmer is offering a free bottle of House Wine with each two-bottle purchase of Palmer's award-winning wines. These holiday offers are available



only at the Palmer Vineyards Winery, Sound Ave., Riverhead, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 25 to Dec. 24 (until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24). Hot chocolate will be available to those under 21 years of age. (631) 722-9463 ext. 10.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday craft fair hosted by First Universalist Church of Southold. Fresh holiday wreaths, sprays, needlework, ceramics, artwork, jewelry and baked goods. 631-765-3494.

HOLIDAY DINNER- 6-11 p.m. Annual holiday dinner dance hosted by North Fork Italian-American Club at Vineyard Caterers, Aquebogue. Cocktail hour followed by dinner dance. Open bar and raffles. Members, \$60; non-members, \$70. Registration required. 631-765-4780.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

HANUKKAH BAZAAR- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Hanukkah bazaar and pancake breakfast at Temple Israel of Riverhead. Hanukkah gifts, toys, candle menorahs and Judaica. Free, fee for breakfast. 631-727-3191.

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COMING UP

REIKI- Monday Nights Time: 7pm -9pm Location: Grace Episcopal Church 753 Roanoke Ave, Riverhead. Will be held here every Monday Peconic Bay Medical Center Roanoke Ave, Riverhead 2nd Floor, Conference Rooms B & C. Will be held here the last Monday of each month. For details please call Ellen Jean McCabe, Certified Reiki Master Teacher 631-727-2072.

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MEDITATION - Buddhist meditations on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Southold. Call 631-949-13-77.

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Dan's North Fork Cart Detective

The Inside Scoop On North Fork Shopping Carts

By Phyllis Lombardi

I was hit by a wind-blown cart last week. That's cart, not car, and don't worry. I wasn't hurt. Just a little bruised ego as I stood in the King Kullen Shopping Center in Cutchogue searching for the car I thought I'd parked to my left. Or was it my right?

After adjusting my pride, I gave in to some little anger. Anger directed to shoppers who leave carts all over parking lots rather than returning them to central collection points.

Now I know there are some shoppers who can't do this. Those who have difficulty walking, those who

have three small children with them, and so on. But other shoppers? Let's check 'em out.

I decided to investigate the abandoned cart phenomenon as it exists on the North Fork. That meant visiting shopping center parking lots and sitting in my car - watching. So I packed a cheese sandwich, a pick-your-own apple, a coffee yogurt, and off I went. Oh yes, a thermos of hot tea. Don't go anywhere without that.

We'll travel east to west. So Greenport's IGA is first in our cart caper. Their parking lot is small and ringed by private homes on three sides, homes so close I could smell the coffee from their kitchens. Shopping carts? I



didn't see one stray in the lot! Andy Nichols, assistant manager, should be complimented. Says the store has 80-100 carts and twice a week he sends a crew out to scour Greenport for strays. I had a feeling I wouldn't be hit by a cart in the Greenport lot.

Now on to Southold's IGA. I parked in the recently resurfaced lot, drank some tea, and observed. One elderly woman, limping, had parked in a handicapped spot. Her husband helped her put grocery bags in the car and then the limping woman, bless her, pushed the empty cart back to the store.

Another sip, another shopper. This was a young woman with two little boys - one sitting in the shopping cart. He giggled as he waved the long register tape over his head like a flag. Mom pushed the grocery-empty cart back to the store and carried her little son to their car. Little guy was still waving that tape.

High marks to this IGA. Dan Archdeacon, Assistant manager of the Southold store, keeps watch over 60 carts. I wonder if he knows at least a dozen of them have Greenport IGA nameplates on them. Perhaps the Greenport IGA carts were separated at the manufacture, from the Southold IGA carts and only recently were reunited. A romantic notion I rather like.

I ate my lunch in the aforementioned King Kullen lot in Cutchogue. Up drives a guy in a red convertible (top down, even in this chilly weather). I can't tell you much about him - I was busy admiring that car. Anyway, I thought someone who drove such a showy thing wouldn't concern himself with shopping carts. Wrong. You know what the guy did? Swung himself out of the car, found his way to two stray carts, and pushed them both back to the store.

I must say this about King Kullen shopping carts - in Cutchogue they're often found under water. When it rains that lot can get some puddles! Managers Pete Murphy and Bill Andress can't do anything about it. And they're really good guys. One loaned me a pen. I must have left mine in a cart.

By the way, one of the King Kullen signs reads PLEASE R TURN CARTS HERE. Now I can still manage a 'U' turn but I've never even heard of an 'R' turn and I've been driving since 1952.

Next stop? Riverhead Waldbaum's, where a half dozen carts rolled about in the lot - all labeled Petco. Now Petco is just west of Waldbaum's and the wind was from the south. So maybe the doggies did it?

Ruff, Ruff. This Waldbaum's has more than 300 carts - all lined up on the sidewalk. Frank DeVito, a long-time employee on a break, stood near the carts. He praised his manager, Joe Fabbio. Said he handled everything beautifully.

Guess there's no real cause to complain. Chances are you'll find a cart with all the wheels going in the same direction. Grab it. Before it gets you first.



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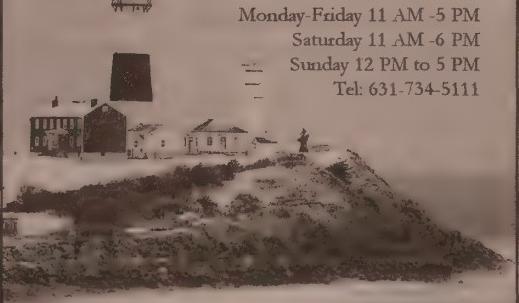
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OVER THE BARREL...

with Lenn Thompson

Shinn Wine Shines

Sometimes we get so caught up in the story of wine that we forget about the juice in the bottle.

For example, Shinn Estate Vineyards, still a relative newcomer to the Long Island wine scene, gets a ton of press for its "green" vineyard practices and its owners' pedigree as Manhattan restaurateurs.

True, David Page and Barbara Shinn employ several progressive sustainable and near-organic farming techniques in their North Fork vineyard. Yes, their Greenwich Village restaurant, Home, is a successful exhibition of local, seasonal food and wine.

But it's important not to forget about the fermented grape juice they bottle and stop with a cork. Their wines are almost always elegant, aromatic and enormously food friendly. Now sold out, their 2005 "first fruit" Sauvignon-Blanc Semillon (\$21) and 2005 "Home" Chardonnay (\$16) are both crisp, fresh white wines that are clearly meant for seafood and sea-side sipping.

Released last spring, the non-vintage "Red"

Dan's North Fork

Thanksgiving pairing. Of course that wine was sold out long before the article came out. Shinn Estate Vineyards 2004 Estate Merlot (\$24) is available, however and it seems to have similar food-friendly qualities. Medium ruby red in the glass, the nose is youthful with fresh red cherries, plums and toasted oak aromas. On the palate, similar red fruit character is accented by subtle nutmeg and clove, and gently gripping tannins. I don't think this wine is showing all that it's capable of. Another six to twelve months in bottle will help it open up and reveal its true self. The producers first varietal

Cabernet Franc bottling, Shinn Estate Vineyards 2004 Cabernet Franc (\$38) is a rich, layered Cabernet Franc that leans toward the richer style of this underappreciated variety. Raspberries, violets, vanilla and toasted oak are joined on the nose by interesting orange zest and blossom notes. This is a full-flavored wine with cherry, raspberry and spice that wash over the tongue with light, soft tannins and a lingering spicy finish. I don't think many local Can Francs are age-worthy, but this one should develop for another 5-10 years.



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(\$14) is a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon that is best enjoyed at the dinner table. Light-to-medium bodied, this wine actually has some Pinot Noir-like qualities, with a nose redolent of mainly raspberry and strawberries, with just the most subtle hints of spice. The palate is juicy red berries, hints of oak character, and terrific food-friendly acidity that is what makes this wine so charming.

In recent months, David and Barbara have been pretty busy up on Oregon Road. They've hired their first full-time winemaker, Juan Eduardo Micieli-Martinez (formerly of Pellegrini Vineyards) and assembled their new winery (the wines used to be made at Wolffer Estate). They are also renovating the farmhouse to open a bed and breakfast next summer. But again, let's not forget about the wines. Two newly released reds continue Shinn's young tradition of deliciously drinkable wines. A couple weeks ago, the *New York Times* picked Shinn Estate Vineyards' 2003 Estate Merlot as the best



Dan's North Fork

Athens Gyro & Grill

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In a day and age where whatever you like to eat seems certain to be deemed unhealthy, it is wonderful that most doctors agree that the 'Mediterranean' diet is one that is most likely to be beneficial for your health. The rest of the good news is that traditional Greek food, based on the use of olive oil, fresh vegetables and fish without excessive consumption of red meat, is also delicious. As we chatted with John Mantzopoulos, the Chef/Proprietor of the Athens Gyro & Grill, he was proud to point out that they are members of Mather Hospital's Heart Healthy Program, and he also emphasized "I cook and sell the food that I like to eat." His menu marries traditional Greek dishes, largely based on family recipes, with American standards.

Everything, except for the baklava dessert, is made in-house, fresh each day, and John scours the farm stands and suppliers on Long Island every day to make full use of the abundance of great ingredients available here.

We started our meal with a selection of Mezedes (appetizers), while listening to the soft and very melodic keyboard and bass music of the 40s through the 60s, offered each Friday and Saturday evenings by Dennis Raffelock. We also enjoyed a glass of a Savatiano white wine from the Attica region of Greece that was light and refreshing. The grilled eggplant, Dolmadakia (stuffed grape leaves), Hummus, Kalamata olives and sliced tomato, with pita bread immediately filled our mouths with a subtle blend of appetizing flavors. This build-up continued with one of John's special appetizers, a large tomato stuffed with feta cheese and shrimp and grilled. This is a variation on another classic Greek dish, Shrimp Tourkolimano, and was very, very effective. It had all of the classic ingredients one should look for in Greek food; fresh and simple with a combination of subtle tastes that fill your palate and linger like a good wine. We both could

have made a meal of this dish and it should become one of the restaurant's signature dishes, although John pointed out that he will only make it when tomatoes of the correct quality are available. From this we moved on to sample the classic Avgolemono Soup, where the balance of a rich chicken broth with lemon and egg and orzo pasta was as good as we have ever tasted. Similarly the autumn blend of cauliflower, broccoli and potato produced another great soup (and I normally dislike broccoli and cauliflower!).

You cannot eat a Greek meal without a salad and the Greek salad was all that it should be – except for some anchovies – and the Mykonos salad, a blend of chopped romaine, scallions and dill, correctly dressed with oil and red wine vinegar and sprinkled with feta cheese is also highly recommended. Eating fish in a good Greek restaurant is an experience to be savored – but in many it can be a costly one, with fish priced by the pound – but not here. The char-grilled, whole Tsiopoura – better known to most of us as Porgy – simply dressed with oil and lemon was impeccable. Yes, you have to be prepared to take it off the bone but take the trouble and you won't be disappointed, if you truly love fish. Have some

Greek lemon roasted potatoes with it to complete the enjoyment.

Above all, leave some space for dessert. Most people are familiar with Baklava and I am sure this would have been delicious but we had to try the Greek yogurt topped with sour cherry dressing and walnuts and then the 'piece de resistance,' Galaktobouriko. Do not be afraid of mispronouncing it – just order it and savor what is described as homemade custard in crispy phyllo pastry with cinnamon and honey. Freshly baked, barely completely set with an incredible texture and taste blend, this is a dessert you will remember for days and days to come and look forward to the next time!

As a good business man, John offers a wide range of non-Greek dishes with each receiving the same careful attention to quality and detail, but the Greek food is so outstanding that you really should look at that part of the menu first and be prepared to try something a little different. The restaurant is simple in

décor and is not fancy, but the food is of a very high and authentic standard, and we were both full of praises for all of the dishes we sampled and this restaurant is definitely on our 'return' list. When you consider that, for around \$20, you receive a choice of any of the dinner special entrees, including that whole grilled fish, together with soup, salad and coffee or tea and that a bottle of wine costs around \$20 and a very good measure glass of wine for \$5, Athens Gyro & Grill deserves to be on everyone's list of places to eat.

-Roy Bradbrook



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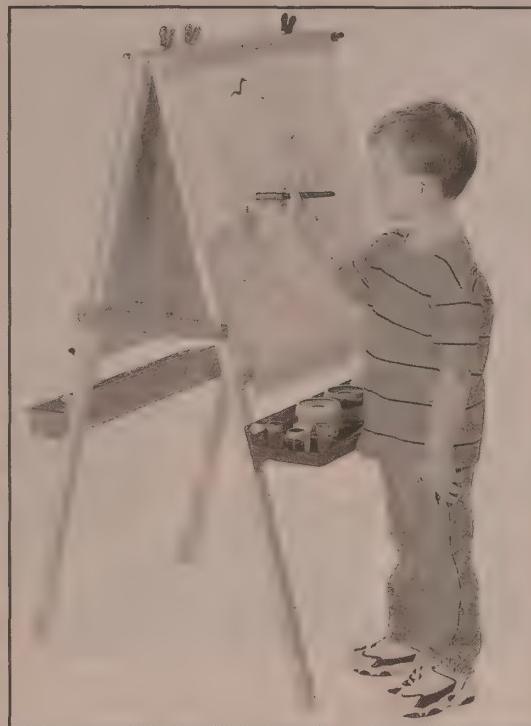
JUST FOR KIDS

Look, Mom! I Made It Myself!

Tis the season to be jolly and your children are the jolliest of them all. Their energy radiates wherever they go and their excitement gives life to any room. Most children have already compiled their lists, completely filled with video game and doll requests. They just can't wait to attack the wrapping on those holiday packages and find out what's inside. Soon ribbons will be flying everywhere and happy children will be playing all through Hanukkah and Christmas Day. Yet, for most children, giving is just as rewarding as receiving.

Does your child have a bank account? A full piggy bank? Access to a generous grandparent who will provide them with funds? If so, they are amongst the few kids who can go on a jaunt with a relative and pick up gifts for the family. While that is fun, it's priceless when children make their own gifts. Creating something special that you just know a relative will love is such a rewarding feeling.

Here are a few fairly easy ideas for gifts that children can make with minimal help. Almost everyone has a dry-erase board that they can use at home or at work. They are invaluable for printing phone numbers and quick notes. They are also fun to make. In order to create one, you will need a solid piece of white oak tag or cardboard, clear contact paper, string, a dry-erase pen, magnet strips, assorted stickers, glitter, glue, foam pieces and a pair of scissors. Simply decorate your oak tag across the first four inches of space. Write the person's name, "Dad's notes" or "Mom's memos," and let the child color and put stickers around the writing. Cover the whole board with clear contact paper, attach the dry-erase marker to the front with a piece of string, and stick the magnet strip to the back of the board — you'll have a great gift.



Blankets are essential for a night of snuggling in front of the TV, sipping a mug of hot chocolate, and munching on a plate of warm cookies. Here's a blanket idea that's "no sew" and easy for children to make. Head to the fabric store with your child and let them select two types of fleece or jersey material. Select fabric that is a bit larger than the size you want the completed blanket to be. Place the fabric

pieces on top of each other and cut evenly spaced strips of fabric (1.5 to 4 inches apart) four inches deep, into the sides of the fabric. When all the strips are cut, knot each set. The knotted ends of the strips will form a fringed border around the blanket. These "no sew" blankets are perfect gifts for every member of the family, even pets!

What grandparent doesn't have tons of pictures of their grandchildren around the house? Picture frames for grandma's refrigerator or desk are great gifts that children can make on their own. Craft stores feature a variety of kits for children to make colorful and unique picture frames. There are kits where you child can simply glue pieces of craft foam together, or lace up the sides with lanyard. If your child is very creative, simply purchase sheets of craft foam, decorations, and a magnet strip and let them create their own frame to stick on the refrigerator door. As a special touch, put a picture of your child in the finished frame and make a hand print card to attach to the gift — it's sure to be a treasure for years to come.

T-shirts are fun ideas for children to make, as are tote bags. Michael's Arts and Crafts, and most other craft stores, have aisles devoted to fabric crafts. Purchase T-shirts or tote bags and some fabric paints and let your children go to town making shirts and bags that say "Smith Family" (with matching shirts for everyone) or "Best Grandpa" with their handprints on it. Believe me, even if the relative only uses them around the house, they will be impressed with the effort that your child put into making them. Gift giving can be so much fun when a child knows that they made all of the gifts themselves. Happy holidays!

—Jessica Gold

KID KALENDAR

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CMEC — 12/8 — 6-7:30 p.m. Pizza and pajama night. \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. Located at 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS PROJECT — 12/9 — 10:30 a.m. For ages 8 to 12, admission is free, materials charge \$5 to \$15, located at 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2494.

CMEC FUNDRAISER — 12/9 — 4-7 p.m. Winter Jungle, a mini-exhibit with artist Mia Fonssagrives-Solow. Tickets for a family of four are \$250, a family of six is \$500. Located at 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org for tickets.

GOLDEN EAGLE — 12/9 — 10-11 a.m. "Get Ready To Scream," celebrating the artist Edvard Munch with Karyn Mannix. \$20 including materials. Located at 14 Gingerbread Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0603.

CONCERT — 12/10 — 1:30-3:30 p.m. Winnie The Pooh and The Grinch and The Dune Grass Band will be on the village streets of Southampton. Call Chamber of Commerce for more information, 631-283-0402.

ONGOING

GUILD HALL — 11/21-12/13 — 3:30-5 p.m. Fall into Wednesdays and make art with Karyn Mannix. 8 weeks of art making that will focus on perception, technique, observation and the animal kingdom. Kids will learn a holistic approach to making art. Remember to dress for a mess. Located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-2722.

INDOOR PLAY GYM — Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. For children up to 6 years of age. Located at The Country School, 7 Industrial Road, Wainscott. Call 631-537-2255.

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS — The Parrish Art Museum will offer art workshops for children aged 2 and 3 on Thursdays this fall. Classes will run from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118, ext. 30.

TEEN THESPIANS — 10/11-12/20 — Creative, motivated teens ages 13 through 18 can participate in ACT TWO, a teen theatre workshop. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hayground School, 151 Mitchells Lane, Bridgehampton. Call 631-287-5734.

QUOGUE LIBRARY STORYTIME — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Join other children of all age groups as they enjoy story time, literacy games, puzzles and more. Located at 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call for times and special programs, 631-653-4224.

MOVEMENT PROGRAM — 11/22-12/20 — The Town of Southampton Parks and Recreation is hosting the Children's Creative Movement and Tumbling Program. For children age 18 months to 6 years old. The program will take place Wednesday mornings at the Arts and Crafts Center, 24 Jackson Avenue,

Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-8585.

CMEC — 6-7:30 p.m. "Multicultural Saturdays: Peace around the world art workshops." \$20 members and \$22 non-members. Located at 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

CHESS WEDNESDAYS — Children in grades 3 through 8 are invited to come learn the game of chess. Classes will be held from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Located at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 631-653-4224.

CMEC — 6-7:30 p.m. "Just me and my Dad Sundays." \$10 members and \$12 non-members. Located at 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

AFTERNOON YOGA — Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Children ages 7 through 10 are invited to learn the art of yoga at the Quogue Library. Located at 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 631-653-4224.

MUSICAL TUESDAYS — "Making Music with Ina and Friends," for children up to 5 years old. Located at the Arts & Crafts Center, 24 Jackson Ave., Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-8585.

ACT IT OUT — Fun, interactive drama classes for preschoolers and school-aged children. Program lasts until December 6. Act It Out is held at Creative Play, located at 7 Midhampton Ave., Quogue. Call 631-348-2142.

E-mail calendar requests to Dan's Events Department at events@dansspapers.com or fax to 631-537-3330. The deadline for event listing requests is Friday at noon before the next issue.

When In Manhattan... BY OLIVER PETERSON

Nutcracker Tourist

Well, I'm back to my annual, lets-be-holiday-tourists trip to Manhattan with my wife. Normally I'm not a big fan of the Times Square/Rockefeller area, I never like crowds, and goofy, tourist stuff isn't my cup of tea. But somehow, going to these places during the busiest and most crowded time of year ends up being a really good time. There's something special about the big tree, fabulous windows, crowds of people feeling the holiday spirit, and the massive decorations and displays totally grand and unique to our city. To top it off, we like to catch a show. For the last two years it's been the Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes, but this year we decided to change it up and catch a ballet. The Radio City Show is cute, it's a blast, and tons of fun, but it definitely gets tired after a couple years in a row. We got tickets to *The Nutcracker* at Lincoln Center instead. Both my wife and I were very pleased with our decision.

The New York City Ballet presents choreographer George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*. The ballet is an annual Christmas event based on E.T.A. Hoffman's tale, *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* (1816), using the famous musical score by Peter Illyitch Tschaikovsky. This show and the music that accompanies it are staples of the holiday season and absolute classics loved by audiences worldwide. All of this fanfare and reverence around *The Nutcracker* is very much owed to George Balanchine's production. His choice to run *The Nutcracker* as New York City Ballet's first full-length ballet in 1954 was a decision about which a lot of people weren't quite sure. In the 50s abstract, neo-classical works were what audiences enjoyed and expected from the young ballet company, and *The Nutcracker* was not only very dusty and old-world, but it had never really been well received going all the way back to its



premiere in 1892. Balanchine danced the original version as a young student in St. Petersburg, and believed that contemporary audiences would respond favorably to the charming story and Tschaikovsky's beautiful score. Balanchine was right, and *The Nutcracker* became New York City Ballet's biggest box office success. Its popularity spawned many smaller productions and soon it became the holiday standby it is today. If you read the story of the two acts in Playbill, *The Nutcracker*

is quite a simple and short story, but the music, sets, costumes and wonderful dancing put you off into another world. It's a good time for all ages. Bring the kids along and get their picture taken with a cast member in front of a snowy backdrop in the lobby while you sip champagne or a four-dollar, plastic six-ounce mug of coffee. *The Nutcracker* is running with multiple dates and showtimes through the season until December 30th at Lincoln Center. Go to www.nycballet.com or call CenterCharge at (212) 721-6500 for schedule and tickets.

If you're in the shopping mood after the ballet like we were, Columbus Circle is host to one of several Christmas markets spread around the City. You may have seen them before – a city of red and white tents full of people selling everything from handmade soaps, to jewelry, bear mittens, stuffed animals, gourmet chocolate, ornaments, clothing and more. Also nearby on Columbus Circle is the new AOL Time Warner Center. This massive structure of metal and glass is another corporate monstrosity, but it's a dazzling piece of architecture. In fact, it really deserves a column of its own. Perhaps, at least, part of a piece about Columbus Circle and several of the newer and quite sensational edifices surrounding it. On Wednesday the 6th, the day before this paper drops, the Dick Clark Auction will have come to a close. The aged American Bandstand host put up over 900 lots from his personal collection of rock n' roll memorabilia to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his show. It was all on display at the AOL Time Warner Center. If nothing else, get the catalogue to see what you missed. Maybe you'll get lucky and the items will be up for another week. Joining the other tourists in Manhattan for the holidays always has the expected good times, and every year there's a new surprise. Get in before the festivities end.

TAKE A HIKE WITH KEN KINDLER

Last Thursday I received two invitations to help work on the grasslands restoration behind the South Fork Natural History Museum (SOFO). One invitation was from the Trail Maintenance Crew of the Southampton Trail Preservation Society (Ken Bieger), and the other was from Dai Dayton of the Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt. I was asked to park in the SOFO parking lot on the east side of the Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, a little less than a mile north of Montauk Highway. The land behind the museum has been cultivated for the last 200 years. Most recently, it was a vineyard. Now the totally refurbished modern building houses the SOFO Museum.

Southampton Town bought the vineyard field with dollars from the Open Space Fund, adding it to the 600 acres of preserved land in the Long Pond Greenbelt. The Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt (FLPG) is leading an initiative to remove the invasive species there and restore it to grassland. Autumn Olive and Japanese Knotweed now overrun the field. The old fields have, for the most part, either been built on or have matured into woodlands. That is why FLPG is working to create and maintain a grassland habitat for the animals that depend on it. One of the creatures endangered by the loss of this habitat is the New York State's own bird, the Eastern Bluebird. Pointing to the 10 acres that have been cleared so far, Dai said "we will need volunteers in the spring to keep the invasives from coming back." Dai asks that volunteers call her at (631) 537-0660.

The museum has been open for about a year and a half now, and I've been curious to see the inside of the building. I was one hour late for the work outing (due to bottle-neck traffic in Southampton) which was just

too late, so I went into the museum to say hello to SOFO's Executive Director, Jim Ash.

When I entered the building, I was greeted by Crystal, one of two SOFO Nature Educators. Lindsey and Crystal are both graduates of Southampton University's Marine Biology Program. "All the exhibits are exploratory," Crystal explained. Later, when Jim walked through the museum with me, it felt as if we were on an interpretive hike. SOFO has brought nature indoors, even furnishing a field guide for visitors. This is a great place for a kid or an adult to get a feeling for nature. It engages all of your senses. Upstairs, there are interactive displays with live, stuffed, and model animals. There are doors, drawers, and focus cases that are like little portholes in the wall, giving unique visual perspectives. Each display includes the sounds appropriate to the environment it simulates. There is even a place on the wall where you can smell the scent of a fox. Out on a landing, there are three telescopes to use for looking out over the fields (and at my friends out there pulling up Knotweed).

In the beginning of the walk, we watched a 4-minute video that describes how Long Island was created by glaciers. The display, in conjunction with the video, is a very effective teaching mechanism. I observed a Harrier Hawk and a Red Fox pouncing on a vole. The nature murals on the walls are actually greatly enlarged pictures taken by Robert Villani, a gifted nature photographer.

Our indoor hike took us to a salt marsh, a coastal



An opossum (in a SOFO display)

plain pond, and a beach. We were then able to look inside a decomposing tree and see how it was recycled into the forest providing sustenance and shelter to a myriad of organisms. We walked along Montauk's recessional moraine and learned about the ecology of the reef that stretches north to Block Island. There is also a display that helps you visualize how the process of littoral drift changes the shape of the island.

Downstairs there is a marine touch tank filled with specimens collected from the nearby Atlantic Ocean and bays. There are also more native frogs, toads, salamanders and turtles downstairs. Next to the large fresh and saltwater fish tanks there is a children's program area where kids can enjoy creative nature projects.

This is a great place to take your family when you want to communicate with nature but the weather is inclement. You can contact SOFO at (631) 537-9735. On a nice day, after your visit, you can walk out back though the Old Field, onto the Widow Gavitts Trail. This trail takes you north to Crooked Pond and the rest of the Long Pond Greenbelt. I was dazzled by the SOFO experience, and I am looking forward to visiting again.

Ken Kindler is a Trails and Open Space Advocate working to help the trails groups and land managers care for our "Natural Island." If you would like to learn more about our trails or help care for them, visit the Hiking Long Island website. www.hike-li.org

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BENEFITS

ANNUAL VILLAGE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

BENEFIT - 12/8 - 6:30 p.m. Hosted by the Town Crier Hugh King, this event will benefit Guild Hall's Children's Programs. There will be the lighting of a 35-ft. Blue Spruce tree, hot cocoa, cookies, live music and a three-course prix fixe at 8 p.m. Also, bring a new unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots." Located at the Maidstone Arms, 207 Main Street, East Hampton. For reservations call 631-324-5006.

FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES BENEFIT

- 12/9 - 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Holiday Party includes cocktails, dinner and dessert. FCS will be announcing the honorees for the 2007 "Family of Man Humanitarian" award. All proceeds from the Holiday Party will support the many programs and services that FCS provides for individuals and families in need. For tickets, and directions call 631-288-1954 or visit www.familycounselingsvc.org.

FRIDAY, 8

LOAVES & FISHES COOKSHOP - 12/8 - 6:30 p.m. Sushi class for beginners with Mark Sanne. All classes are held at the Bridgehampton Inn located on the corner of Montauk Highway and Butter Lane. Call 631-537-3660 or www.landfcookshop.com.

WHBPAC - 12/8-12/10 - 7:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. The movie *Rolling Family* will be shown. Located at 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-2350 or visit www.WHBPAC.com.

LIVE MUSIC - 12/8 - 7-11 p.m. Every Friday, Jane Hastay and Peter Martin Weiss play live music at the CoCo Restaurant at The Maidstone Arms Inn. Located at 207 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5008.

PUBLICK HOUSE - 12/8 - 10:30 p.m. Southampton Publick House has brought back live music with Project Vibe every Friday night. Located at 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. Call 631-283-6500.

LIFE DRAWING FRIDAYS - 12/8 - 5-7 p.m. Life-drawing classes for ages 18 and above. Studio classes will meet in the Boots Lamb Education Center. Located at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 12/8 - 6:30 p.m. The John Jermain Library will show *A Peck On The Cheek*. Located at 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-0049.

LECTURE - 12/8 - 7:30 p.m. "Erosion of Long Island's Ocean Shoreline," presented by Dr. Henry Bokuniewicz, professor of marine sciences research center. Located at the Southampton Campus of Stony Brook University, 239 Montauk Highway, Southampton. Call 631-632-8000.

ESTIA CANTINA - 12/8 - 7 p.m. Jim Turner will perform live acoustic and electric blues. Located at 177 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-6320.

ALMONDITO - 12/8 - 8-11 p.m. Almondito is now offering Jazz on Friday nights. Located at 290 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. Call 631-329-6700.

CIGAR BAR - 12/8 - 8 p.m.-4 a.m. "Full Size Friday," specials with the DJ playing hip-hop and dance music. Located at 2 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-

2575 or visit www.hamptonscigarbar.com.

STAR ROOM - 12/8 - Hip-Hop Friday nights with an in-house DJ. Open bar from 10 p.m.-12 a.m. Located at Montauk Highway, Wainscott. Call 631-537-3332.

THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE - 12/8 - The Rhythm Kings at 10 p.m., tickets \$10. Located at 161 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3117.

SATURDAY, 9

GUILD HALL - 12/9 - 1-4 p.m. People are invited to share their memories of the East End. All are encouraged to bring and show their own photographs, scrapbooks and stories. Located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806.

DAN'S PAPERS FILM FESTIVAL - 12/9 - 3 p.m. The *Dan's Papers They Made The Movies Here* film festival. Showing *Rocket Gibraltar*. Located at the Westhampton Beach Performing Art Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-2350 or visit www.WHBPAC.com.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT GURNEY'S INN - 12/9 - 4-6 p.m. There will be caroling by the music group, High C's, cookies, cider, a dance show by the Lighthouse Dance Project and a presentation of the annual *Nick Monte Community Leadership Award* to Dick White. Located at 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. Call 631-668-2345.

CANIO'S BOOKS - 12/9 - 6-8 p.m. Celebrate the great American poet, Emily Dickinson's birthday with a dramatic presentation of her work by actress Janice Bishop, followed by a reception for artist Hazel Kahan's *Leaves of Emily* exhibition. Emily's favorite dessert recipes will be served. Located at 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-4926.

EAST END BOOKS - 12/9 - 3:30-5:30 p.m. Photographers, artists, editors and writers will appear and autograph their books. Authors include: Amy Arbus, *On the Street 1980-1990*, Barbara Bordnick, *Searching III The Secret Language of Flowers*, Sam Fink, *The Constitution of the United States*,

Jane Lahr, *Searching for Mary Magdalene*, Eric Meola, *Born to Run: The Unseen Photos*, Jon Ortner, *Buddha*, Paige Peterson and Christopher Cerf, *Blackie: The Horse Who Stood Still*, Katrina Tabori and Natasha Fried, *The Little Big Book of Comfort Food*. Located at 53 The Circle, East Hampton. Call 631-324-8680.

BAY STREET THEATRE - 12/9 - 7 p.m. High School Playwrights Festival. The evening features 9 short plays written, produced by and starring students from Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Sag

Harbor's Pierson, Shelter Island, Southampton, Westhampton Beach High Schools, as well as from the Foreign Language Academy of Global Studies (F.L.A.G.S.) school from the South Bronx, NYC. Located at Bay Street and Main, Sag Harbor. Visit www.baystreet.org or call 631-725-9500.

SHINNECOCK MUSEUM WINTER ARTS AND CRAFT FESTIVAL - 12/9-12/10 - 12-4 p.m. Experience local Native American art, culture, and food at Southampton's Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum's Winter Arts and Craft Festival. The festival is free. Located on Montauk Highway and West Gate Road, Southampton. Call 631-287-4923.

WHBPAC - 12/9 - 11 a.m. *Christmas Time on Main Street*, the Westhampton Beach Police Benevolent Association and the Westhampton Beach Volunteer Fire Department are proud to present the 5th Annual Santa and a Movie, showing Disney's *Mickey Saves Santa*. Located at 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-2350 or visit www.WHBPAC.com.

THE NUTCRACKER - 12/9, 12/10 - The Seisckaya Ballet's Nutcracker is again scheduled for eight performances on two successive weekends: December 9 & 10 and 16 & 17, at Stony Brook University's Staller Center for the Arts. Complete performance information plus online ticketing are available at www.nutcrackerballet.com or call 631-632-ARTS or 1-866-NUT-TICS.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM - 12/9 - 1-1:30 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m., Presenting a slide show that will look at Pop Art and its indigenous influences. Located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118.

HEARTHSCIDE CHEER - 12/9 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cocktails, music and food. Located at the Southampton Historical Museum, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2494.

SANTA VISIT - 12/9 - 2-4 p.m. Take pictures and enjoy refreshments with Santa. Located at the Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. Call 631-283-0774.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR - 12/9-12/10 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Montauk Public School Student Council is hosting a holiday craft fair. Located at 50 South

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Dorset Road, Montauk. Call 631-668-1107.

SOUTHAMPTON CULTURAL CENTER – 12/9 – 7 p.m. Anna Stoycheva piano recital concert. Located at 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 631-287-4377.

CONCERT – 12/9 – 7:30 p.m. The Amagansett Free Library presents Sean Grace in a celebration of contemporary Celtic Christmas. Located at 215 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3810.

WINTER WELCOMING FESTIVAL – 12/9 – 12-3 p.m. An afternoon in the Nature Center, with refreshments and crafts. Located at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, 3 Old Country Road. Call 631-653-4771.

Q RESTAURANT – 12/9 – 8-11 p.m. Celeste will be playing live music every Saturday night. Located at 47 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 631-288-3463.

ALMONDITO – 12/9 – 10:30 p.m. Almondito is now offering Karaoke on Saturday nights. Located at 290 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. Call 631-329-6700.

THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – 12/9 – Telly at 8 p.m., tickets \$10. Located at 161 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3117.

SUNDAY, 10

HAPPY HORSE HOLIDAY – 12/10 – 1-4 p.m. Open house to come hug a horse that has been saved from slaughter. Spend time with the horses and ponies. Located at Amaryllis Farm, 93 Merchant's Path, Sagaponack. Call 631-537-7335.

BAY STREET THEATRE – 12/10 – 2 p.m. A play reading of *Unused Characters*, which is a new play developed in the Bay Street Theatre Playwrights' Workshop. This is the 10th and final reading for the 2006 Readings at Bay Street Series. Located at Bay Street and Main, Sag Harbor. Visit www.baystreet.org or call 631-725-9500.

THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS – 12/10 – 11:45 a.m. The Jewish Center of the Hamptons invites the community to a brief presentation of grants to local food pantries, as they continue our efforts to respond to hunger on the East End. Located at 44 Woods Lane, East Hampton. Call

631-324-9858.

ARF ADOPTATHON – 12/10 – 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons will host a cat and kitten adoptathon at the Holiday Craft Fair at Stella Maris Regional School, located on Hampton Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-537-0400.

BOOK LECTURE AND FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – 12/10 – 12 p.m., 3 p.m. *After This* by Alice McDermott will be discussed. Later, local author Ben Baglio will host a lecture and book signing. Mr. Baglio will be speaking about his book *A String of Pearls*. Located at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street. Call 631-653-4224.

PIERRE'S RESTAURANT – 12/10 – 6:30-9:30 p.m. Pierre's Restaurant Pianist Jane Hastay and bassist Peter Martin Weiss will perform Jazz standards by Gershwin, Porter, Ellington, Jobim and others. Located at 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-5110.

CHORAL SOCIETY OF THE HAMPTONS – 12/10 – 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Christmas concert under the direction of Music Director Mark Mangini. Located at the Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Bridgehampton. Tickets are \$25, youth under 18, \$10. Available at the Romany Kramoris Gallery on Main Street in Sag Harbor. Call 631-204-9402.

HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE OF THE HAMPTONS – 12/10 – 2 p.m. A program on Ikebana, the Japanese art of formal flower arrangement. Located at the Bridgehampton Community House, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-2223.

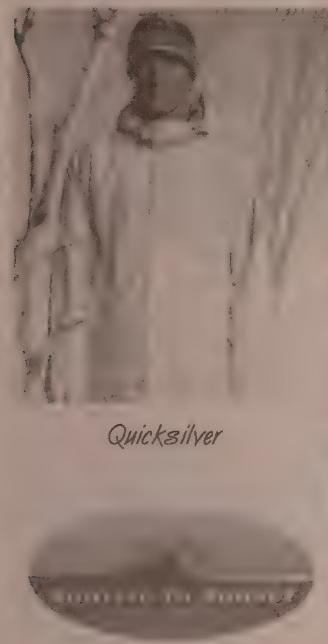
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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL – 12/11– Monday Night Football at Gurney's Inn every Monday Night. Free halftime buffet, late night menu, dual 42" plasma TV's, and drink specials all night. Located at 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. Call 631-668-2345.

MOVIE – 12/11 – 3 p.m. Showing *An Inconvenient Truth*, directed by Davis Guggenheim. Located at 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. Reservations are appreciated. Call 631-283-0774.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING – 12/11 – 7-8:30 p.m. Class is taught by professional dancer, Meri Wallace, no experience is necessary. Located at the

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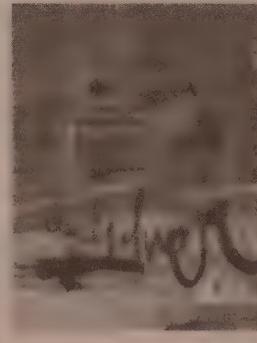
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Southampton Culture Center, 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 917-359-3744.

TUESDAY, 12

GUILD HALL – 12/12 – 7:30 p.m. Free Naked Stage Reading of *Zoo Story* by Edward Albee and *The Unseen Hand* by Sam Shepard. Located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806.

SOUTHAMPTON ARTISTS ASSOCIATION – 12/12 – 10a.m.-2 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m. Two figure drawing workshops will be held. Located at 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 631-725-5851 or 631-283-2160.

ROCK N ROLL TUESDAYS – 12/12 – 9 p.m. Alison Restaurant presents a free movie screening, title is to be announced. Located at 95 School Street, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-7100.

CIGAR BAR – 12/12 – 8 p.m. "Industry Night" specials for employees of East End bars, restaurants, and hotels. Located at 2 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-2575 or visit www.hamptonscigarbar.com.

THURSDAY, 14

TWILIGHT THURSDAYS – 12/14 – 5-7:30 p.m. Enjoy wine by the glass while relaxing to the music of Jazz guitarist Peter Martin Weiss. No cover. Located at Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Visit www.wölffer.com or call 631-537-5106 ext. 20.

LOAVES & FISHES COOKSHOP – 12/14 – 12-2:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas desserts with Mark Sanne. All classes are held at the Bridgehampton Inn located on the corner of Montauk Highway and Butter Lane. Call 631-537-3660 or www.landfcookshop.com.

OUTDOOR RECREATION & FITNESS SATURDAY, 9

NORTHWEST PAUMANOK HIKE – 12/9 – 10 a.m. Meet at the corner of Route 114 and Edward's Hole in East Hampton. Call Larry and Judy Kron 631-329-3948.

WHISKEY HILL – 12/9 – 10-11 a.m. Meet at the end of Mill Road, Bridgehampton. Call Dai Dayton 631-537-0660.

RED CREEK PARK HIKE – 12/2 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at the parking lot of Red Creek Park on Old Riverhead Road, Hampton Bays. Moderate paced 4-5 mile hike, some hills. Call Claude Debeaumont, 631-728-8667.

SUNDAY, 10

PAUMANOK PATH – 12/10 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the public parking lot across from Kirk's Park in Montauk. Call Rick Whalen 631-267-6608

MULVIHILL HIKE – 12/10 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet on Bridge Hill Lane. Call Diane Rulnick, 631-726-5903.

WEDNESDAY, 13

CHATFIELD'S HOLE – 12/13 – Meet at the parking area on Route 114 at the intersection of Edward's Hole Road in East Hampton. Call Gene 631-324-8662.

THURSDAY, 14

BUCKSKILL LOOP – 12/14 – 1 p.m. Meet at the intersection of Route 114 and Stephen's Hand Path in East Hampton. Call Richard 631-324-1127.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE MENORAH LIGHTING – 12/15 – 3:15 p.m. Located at the corner of Jobs Lane and Main Street. Call the Chabad of Southampton Jewish Center for questions, 631-287-2249.

REAL ESTATE NEWS:

Getting Real About Real Estate and Mortgage Markets

Important information for buyers, sellers and homeowners

By John Sauro:

The Federal Reserve, which controls interest rates, has gotten what it wanted with 17 rate hikes: an orderly settling of the real estate markets with high levels of activity, as stated at its last meeting. What does this mean? It means that the increase in mortgage rates have taken some of the steam out of the real estate market, but so far has not hurt the market. Instead, the real estate market is returning to healthier, realistic levels similar to those in the years prior to the recent run up in prices. Even with the downturn in the market, this year is expected to be the third strongest year in real estate nationally.



The Job Market is a Leading Indicator of Real Estate Strength.

One good way for us to gauge the real estate market, is to look at the job market. The job market remains strong, which bodes well for the real estate market. Healthy employment means a healthy real estate market for us. When people are working, they are able to meet their mortgage obligations. The current unemployment rate of 4.6% is still at historic lows.

So, what should you expect if you're buying or selling a home? First, forget all the negative media hype. This is a strong market still for both buyers and sellers. If you're a buyer, it means that there are more realistically priced houses to choose from. While mortgage rates are higher than a year ago, they are still at historically low rates and even more importantly, there are many more mortgage options today than years ago, that make it helpful in keeping payments and costs low.

Get a Mortgage Commitment First.

One way to have the upper hand is to have a mortgage commitment before you make an offer on a house. A mortgage commitment is not just a pre approval letter. It's a commitment to lend and turns you into a cash buyer. This gives you great negotiating power when buying, because the seller doesn't wait for you to get a mortgage, you already have it. If you're a seller today, it will be necessary to adjust your thinking and price your house accordingly at realistic prices. The days of houses selling in hours at inflated prices are over.

The speculators have left the marketplace, and construction has caught up with demand. Listen to your real estate agent, they know the market and can price your house to sell if you truly need to move.

Use Creative Financing like Blanket Mortgages.

If you have a house for sale currently, it may take a couple more months of marketing time to sell. However, homes that are priced right are moving. In addition, as this market settles, there will be more buyers who have been waiting for the market to shake out the speculative sellers and become more value conscious.

A common concern for home owners wanting to trade up is that they are hesitant to buy the next home before they sell their existing one. This can result in lost opportunities. However, there is a solu-

tion. You can take out what's called a Blanket Mortgage. This allows you to buy a new home before selling the existing one, by tapping the equity in the existing home. The payments are about half those of a conventional loan, which makes it easy to carry until the existing home is sold. Also, a Blanket Mortgage may not require any cash down on the new home purchase. Thereafter, you can pay the new Blanket Mortgage down from the proceeds of your sale and the payments will re-adjust without the need for costly refinancing.

Blanket Mortgages give you more time to sell the existing home and diminishes the pressure to take an offer. It also gives a buyer more negotiating power on the purchase of a new home, being that you are now positioned as a cash buyer. Unlike equity loans, Blanket Mortgages are a creative strategy. This mortgage is not typically available at most banks, but there are mortgage companies that offer them. This financing method is particularly attractive in this real estate market.

Adjustable Rate Mortgages vs. Fixed Rate Mortgages.

What about mortgage rates? Should you take out an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM)? Or should you go with a fixed rate loan? Rates are still historically low on both. One thing to look at is whether you believe that rates will go up, down or remain the same. Some believe that The Fed is done raising rates and will actually ratchet down rates starting in the first quarter of 2007. If that happens, then a monthly adjustable mortgage would make the most sense, because you would then get the benefit of rates dropping without having to refinance.

If you think rates will go up, then you obviously will want to lock into either a 30 year fixed rate or an ARM that is locked for 3, 5, 7, or 10 years.

Determining how long you intend to live in a residence can help decide the right amount of years to fix the rate of the loan. Be sure to check for any prepayment penalties that might get in the way of selling or refinancing in the future. Determine how much cash you want to put down on a home purchase. You may be in a position to put down a large down payment, but before you do, be sure you won't need to use that cash in the future. Many people tend to put down a large down payment in order to keep the mortgage balance and monthly payments low, only to refinance or take out an equity

loan in the future for other matters that come up, such as remodeling or college tuition. If you're buying a home that costs more than expected, you can consider a mortgage with an interest only optional payment. This will keep the payments more affordable and offer the opportunity to pay down the balance in the future.

If cash for the down payment is an issue, consider 100% financing. Especially if you have the cash but have it in an investment portfolio or business that provides you with an attractive return on investment.

What about Equity loans?

Most Equity loans are tied to the Prime Rate, which is 3% above The Fed Funds rate. This is a very volatile index and many people are currently consolidating their equity loans into new first mortgages even if the rate on their first mortgage is low. Equity loans and lines of credit are generally good for short term financing and were very attractive a couple of years ago but have fallen out of favor since rates have risen.

Compare the total monthly payments on your first mortgage and equity loan with that of a new first mortgage. Lets say you have a \$400,000 first mortgage at 5.75% with a payment of \$2,334 and a equity loan for \$250,000 at 9.50% (Prime + 1.25%) with a payment of \$2,330 for a total monthly payment of \$4,664. Compare that to a new 30 year fixed rate mortgage of \$650,000 with a rate of 6.50% and a monthly payment of \$4,108 for a total monthly savings of \$556.00. Do the math on your home financing or ask a qualified mortgage professional to prepare a comparison for you.

You may be pleasantly surprised.

While no one has a crystal ball, it's important to remember that interest rates and the real estate market are cyclical and it's believed interest rates have peaked. Some think The Fed has accomplished what it set out to do, slow down the economy and keep inflation at bay. If The Fed were to raise rates again, they run the risk of slowing down the economy too much, too quickly. As it is, The Fed has had a habit of over tightening and many experts are calling for The Fed to drop rates early in '07.

So whether you're in the market to buy or already own a home, do your homework, find out all your options. If you don't have time to stay up to date with the markets, then be sure to work with the real estate and mortgage professionals who know the markets and options best for your circumstance. You'll want advice on one of the toughest choices, which mortgage is best for you. Be sure to check credentials. A mortgage is a big part of your overall financial portfolio, so the advice you get will have an effect on one of your biggest investments, your home.

John Sauro is president of North Atlantic Mortgage Corp. For more information and a Free Report on Real Estate Financing Strategies Call 1-877-794-5363, or visit their website at www.NorthAtlanticMortgage.com. North Atlantic Mortgage Corp. 1011 High Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT. 06905. Licensed mortgage banker CT. division of banks, registered mortgage broker NYS, FL banking department. Loans arranged through third party

HOLIDAY GUIDE

Give the Gift of Time

Not only is this the season to spread holiday cheer to your loves ones, but it is also the time of year where we need to think about those less fortunate who could benefit greatly from just a small amount of our time and energy. Here are a few places, both local and across Long Island where you can donate to during the 2006 Holiday Season.

In Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Greenport, Southampton, Westhampton Beach, and Baiting Hollow, **Dan's Papers** is hosting its **Annual Toy Drive for Children in Need** through December 15. **Dan's Papers** is proud to assist the fine work of the following organizations: The Retreat, The Bridgehampton Child Care, and Recreation Center and The East Hampton Day Care Center. **Dan's Papers** is located at 2221 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. For more information about drop-off locations and suggestions for new and unwrapped gifts, call 631-537-0500.

There is a **Toy For Kids Drive** sponsored by **Hamptons.com**. They will be collecting toys at their 38 Main Street, Southampton location to benefit Human Resources of the Hamptons. For over thirty years, Human Resources of the Hamptons has been bringing compassion to the community. Led by Executive Director Maryann Tupper, they help over 950 local families with their weekly Food Pantry service, and assist over 6000 people each year through a variety of programs. Donations of new unwrapped toys can be dropped off at 38 Main Street, Southampton, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December 22nd.

Also in Southampton is **The Southampton Day**

Care Center's Wish List. The Southampton Day Care Center has been serving families for over twenty years. You can donate to their wish list which includes: arts and crafts supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, hand soap (pumps), cleaning supplies, paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, outside toys, children's clothing (3T to 5T), storage bins, children's music tapes/CDs and videos. Located at 100 David Whites Lane, Southampton. For more information call 631-287-8734. All donations are tax deductible.

In Sag Harbor, **Batiste Hair Salon** kicks off the holiday season with a **Donate a Toy For the Holidays**. All donated toys will be distributed to community children in need through local charities, Church programs, and the hospital. Bring a toy to 75 Main Street, for more information call 631-725-9494.

Throughout December, there will be a **Toys For Tots Drive** at the Municipal Building, 55 Main Street in Sag Harbor.

Food Pantry Donations will also be accepted in Sag Harbor at the Apple Band, Village Hall, and Old Whalers Church in Sag Harbor throughout December.

At the Riverhead Polish Hall in Riverhead, there will be a **Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction "Toys for Tots" Fundraiser** on Saturday, December 9, at 8 p.m. Long Island's most eligible Bachelors & Bachelorette's will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for a dinner date for two at some of the best, well-known restaurants in the area. Proceeds will be donated to the United States Marine Corp's "Toys for Tots" organization. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Each purchase includes 2 complimentary drinks and a buffet dinner. There will be raffles and

prizes. Located at 214 Marcy Avenue, Riverhead. Call Angela 631-506-4497 for tickets.

Outside of the Hamptons, **Big Brothers Big Sisters** has a special fund called **Holiday for Kids Sake** (HFKS). This program is an important outreach to financially challenged families during the holiday season. Each family in the program receives gifts for all the children, plus food for a special dinner and other necessity items. On December 23rd with the spirit of giving in the air, members of the community will come together with the common goal of delivering food and gifts to their fellow Long Islanders, no matter where they might live. From Nassau to the East End. Gifts are especially needed for teen kids. If you would like to donate gifts, make a financial contribution or have a company gift drive, please contact Tracey at 516-738-00.

Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank. Their mission to end hunger on Long Island. Gift recipients will receive a personalized card that a gift has been made in their name to the food bank. A gift of \$30 will feed a family for two days; \$105 for one week. To make a holiday tribute gift, or to find out more about Long Island Cares, Inc., The Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 631-582-FOOD or visit www.licare.org.

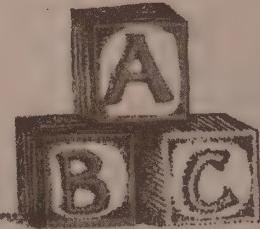
No matter how much or how little you decide to donate this year, giving to children, families and those in need is a simple way to brighten the lives of others. *If you or an organization you know is accepting donations for the 2006 Holiday Season, please fax information to 631-537-3330.*

— Victoria L. Cooper

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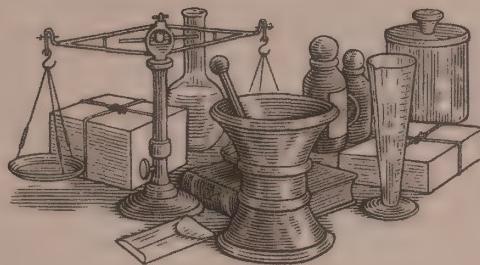
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The History of Christmas

Ancient holiday symbols, such as the Menorah, have ancient mythologies as old as the religions they celebrate. However, symbols such as the Christmas Tree, Yule Log and Mistletoe seem to have dubiously appeared out of nothing, with no obvious connection to the holiday they accompany. However, it is becoming common knowledge that Christmas, as we know it, is many thousands of years older than Christ himself. One might be surprised that Christmas symbols such as the Nativity scene, the Star of Bethlehem, Christmas Tree, Yule Log, Mistletoe, Holly, Advent Wreath and Pine Bough Wreath were all traditions in Europe and Mesopotamia long before the birth of any of the characters in the New Testament.

If one were to look at a calendar of the moon phases, solstices and equinoxes, one would find that all Christian celebrations fall around the same time as these lunar occurrences, and that the pagan holidays that also occur on these days have very similar colors, characters and traditions associated with them as the Christian holidays. This is not due to coincidence, but instead due to a very well-thought-out plan by the early Christian Roman Empire to integrate Christianity into their largely Pagan society. When Emperor Constantine officially converted Rome to Christianity in 313 A.D., there were no holidays associated with the religion. The Ancient Romans, including Europeans and other peoples under the rule of the Roman Empire, already had holidays honoring their Pagan gods on days that correlated with seasonal changes, due to their beliefs that the success of their agricultural endeavors relied on the good favor of their sun god, and the other various deities that supplied



them with rain, fertile land, and healthy crops. These days are now known as Ostara (Easter), Beltane (May Day), Samhain (The Day of The Dead, Halloween and Thanksgiving), and Yule (Christmas). Of all these holidays, the most mysterious traditions belong to the celebrations of the sun god's birth and death, known to the modern, Western World as Easter and Christmas. Since Easter is quite a few months away, and will have its own article when the time comes, the most pertinent explanation belongs to Christmas.

Most Christians know the Nativity story as the modern mythology of the birth of Christ. What many modern Christians may not know is that the Nativity story was first associated with the birth of the Mesopotamian sun god, Mithras, with similar stories occurring in other sun-worshipping cultures as well. Mithras was borne of a virgin, surrounded by animals and was visited by three wise magicians who followed a star and the shepherds' cries to the site of his birth to bestow gifts upon the "light of the world," the sun. Similarities to the Christian Messiah do not end there, however, as Mithras is said to have grown up to battle

evil spirits, heal the sick, and then dine with twelve companions (to signify the twelve signs of the zodiac), before his death. He was even resurrected before ascending into heaven. Being the symbol for all things good and just, Mithras was also a symbol of the sun, and his birth and death were thought to have occurred each year, reenacted by the physical sun during its solstices.

The Winter Solstice, being the longest night of the year, represented the death of the sun. And the following morning, when the days begin to lengthen, were his birth. Early members of the Roman Empire designated December 25 as the official birthday of the sun god to avoid confusion, as the solstice generally occurred near this date. Christ, who was already known to his followers as "the light of the world" and as a supreme healer and soldier for justice, was a perfect substitution for Mithras and other just, sun-bestowing gods already being worshipped in the Empire. By making Christ the god of the sun for these early people, the Roman Church allowed them to continue to celebrate their holidays without straying from their new religion.

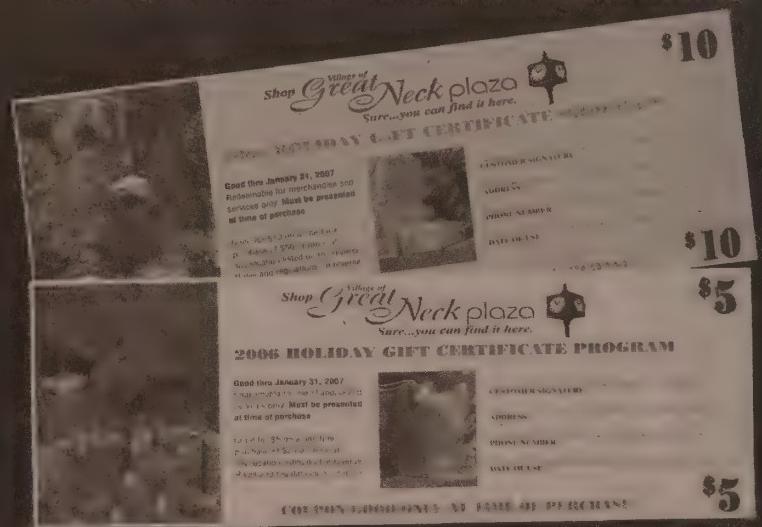
Other symbols from Pagan Yuletide celebrations were also added to the Christmas tradition, and their meanings were similarly adapted to fit this new mythology. Because the sun god was born the next morning, the eve before his birth was filled with symbols of fertility. Kissing under the Mistletoe is also a tradition older than Christ, as the little berries were thought to be good luck for couples hoping to conceive if they kissed beneath them. The evergreen was also a

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Tangled Up in Red and Green

You know what happens. You're busy attempting to unravel the past ten years' worth of twinkling lights from the little white plastic racks they came on. You unwind foot after foot, trailing it through hallways and up stairs, around corners, through the house, in the kitchen, until you begin to come to the conclusion that the lights are hopelessly, irrevocably entwined. You pull and twist, somebody steps on a bulb in the hallway, grinding tiny shards of colored glass into the carpet and you finally find the plug. You press it triumphantly into the outlet and – ta-da – nothing happens.

The Christmas spirit leaves you cursing, slamming things and looking for real holiday spirits – like the kind that come in bottles with drawings of dapper gentlemen in top-hats on them.

Why hadn't you taken more care when putting the lights away last season? In your February funk, you rolled the strings of lights into balls and shoved them into plastic bags, still high from having consumed an entire box of Valentine's chocolates, meant for your beloved but left unclaimed. You decry the holiday, the outlets crusted with frost, the crumpled box you also shoved into the bag, and that sadistic bastard is responsible for the fact that your house needs to be visible from the space shuttle between December and February.

That frustration can lead you to take desperate measures, or maybe you'll just try to pawn the problem off on some other sap with an ad on Craigslist, such as this one in Hartford, Connecticut under the header, "Free Christmas lights - you untangle." "I have a jumble of about 6 strings of Christmas lights that I'd like to get rid of QUICKLY before I move! They're various lengths, and various colors - some strings are all blue, orange, red, etc. They're absolutely free - you pick up & you untangle. :)"

But you are not fooled by the smiley face emoticon at the end of the ad. No, you know that the promise of a festival of "absolutely free" lights is the Devil's candy. Fear not, brave decorator, there are solutions out there. For example, you could convert to Judaism. There would be no more plug-in bulbs to screw around with; just one candle to light every night. And Chanukah, that festival of lights right near Christmas, is eight glorious nights, not just one.

If you are too attached to your Christianity to give up stringing colored bulbs, how about installing a handy soffit with built-in holiday lights? This solution takes real dedication, it's a semi-permanent home improvement, but ends the hassle of untangling, or limits it to the tree at least. Unless, of course, you buy an artificial tree with built-in lights. This invention is

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symbol of fertility, as it stayed lush even in the coldest weather, and was usually hung upside-down the eve before the birth of the sun god. Holly was usually hung outside of windows and doors because the spines were said to ward off evil spirits who might intercept the sun god and prevent him from being reborn and maybe even catch the spirits and hold them for good. Even the Advent Wreath was traditionally lit in Pagan households as a weekly reminder that the sun god would return on December 25.

Because of these Pagan roots, the first settlers of the United States did not allow Christmas to be celebrated at all, and it was not until the influence of Italian and Irish immigrants in the early 1900s that Christmas became the nationally-accepted holiday it is today.

–Sabrina C. Mashburn



a miracle of modern convenience. If you are going to go with an artificial tree in the first place, why not just go all the way with it. Pop it open like an umbrella and you're done. The Bethlehem 6 1/2' Fraser Fir from QVC will only run you about \$180 – quite a bargain when you consider that the PVC tree will last years. And you don't even have to go out into the cold. Oh, QVC, you are my friend, my lover and my savior.

If you a stickler for authenticity, but still, you know, sort of lazy, there are companies that specialize in coming to your home and making sure that your lighting display zaps massive amounts of electricity from the grid, promising a fun holiday blackout and at the same time, kicks your neighbors' displays asses. Looks

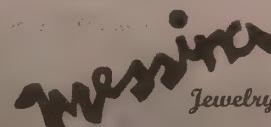
Great Services in Huntington was recently written about in the *New York Times*, with special mention given to the work they did on a Dix Hills' woman's weeping cherry tree for a cost of \$10,000 – for the one tree. The company can make as much as \$30,000 per house. That's a whole lot of desire to keep up with the Jones's.

The funny thing about this holiday lighting arms race is that the end result is generally gawkers: folks who will go out for a country drive to look at the big, big light shows on the big, big houses. And the very people who are festooning their acres with red and green are probably some of the very same people who would like to string summer tourists up by strands of garland and lights for the infraction of driving by their houses just four months earlier.

So, why do we put up lights in the first place? Blame Martin Luther. Not only did he shake the entire church up with his little list, he's also responsible for the practice of indoor Christmas decorations. The story goes that, while walking through the woods on evening, Marty saw the dew on the fir trees glistening in the moonlight. When he got home he brought inside a small fir and affixed candles, which he lit in an attempt to recreate the effect of the glistening dew. The East Hampton Fire Department clearly owes a debt to Thomas Edison or whoever was ultimately responsible for strings of electrified lights.

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Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

We are getting down to the wire for holiday shopping. There is so much going on I could probably write forever, and ever in this column. And.....There is more to come before Christmas. So stay tuned.

The staff at **Fandango** on Main Street in Hampton Bays is ready to greet you with holiday cheer and discounts... There are plenty of shopping options there, including their thank you to their customers for shopping all year round, a 15% discount on all purchases between now and December 31. Fandango offers a full line of clothing, accessories and unique jewelry for women of all ages and sizes. Not only do you get friendly service, your purchases will be gift wrapped and tagged, with a special little gift for you...

Stop in at **Noels** gift shop on East Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays for a peek at the unique holiday gifts and clothing for women. Noels will be happy to gift wrap for you, too!

Hatchlings, at 30 Main Street in Southampton, is having their famous Down The Hatch basement sale with huge savings on cruisewear, bathing suits, cashmere, baby items, shoes and much more. The merchandise is incredibly reduced in price so you can stock up on holiday gifts and getaway fashions.

Rags on Main Street in Southampton is having a Holiday Sale on selected merchandise with up to 50% off. New merchandise has just arrived, such as new winter lines from Velvet, Vince and Red Engine's Slimmering Blackline. There are new jeans for men from Red, Chip Pepper, linen shirts in six colors, T-shirts from Splendid and Velvet, and great gift ideas such as Tocca candles, bath and body products and coffee-table books, just to name a few.

Jobs Lane Jewelers on Windmill Land in Southampton has a very eclectic selection of jewelry, including the stunning Cordova Journey Collection. Each diamond drop is set in 18 ct. gold and symbolizes ever-growing love, a perfect gift for that very special lady in your life. If you bring the



Ann Medonia Antiques, Southampton

coupon that is in *Dan's Papers*, you will receive 10% off of something for everyone on your holiday list.

There are great gift ideas for your favorite pets at **Hamptons Hound** at 2485 Main Street in Bridgehampton. I have already placed an order for Tino and Cosmo, my Schnauzer and Amazon parrot. Hamptons Hound has put together dog and cat gift baskets and bowls that include treats, food, toys, spa products, robes, sweaters, that are all theme orientated. You can custom order the perfect holiday gift for the pet that has everything. Gift prices range from \$50 and up, and as a holiday token, Victoria, the manager can put together something thoughtful for about \$20. For info, call them at 631-255-7882.

Pennington Flowers on Hampton Road in Southampton, is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Whether you are celebrating Christmas or Hannukah, the shop is a treasure trove of holiday flowers, decorations and unique gifts, such as gnomes, birds and butterflies... All prepared in the Pennington style. The floral arrangements are beautiful gift ideas and can help save the day for that dreadful, "Oops I forgot so and so." Pennington also offers in-home holiday decorating, Christmas

tree trimming, fresh wreaths, big branches, Jurassic Park-type leaves and holiday plants. And, as always, a unique collection of vessels, that come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Call 631-287-2100 for more information.

If you can't decide what to get the Hamptonite that has everything, stop in at **Waterstone Pottery** on Mariner Drive in Southampton (631-283-5747) for their 5th Anniversary Sale. All inventory has been drastically reduced for the holidays. Many discontinued items are marked from 50% to 70% off and you will also receive a free Rosemary plant with every purchase, while they last.....

On North Main Street in East Hampton, at **The East Hampton Pharmacy**, look for a huge selection of unique and interesting holiday gifts for everyone on your shopping list. When you see the selection of holiday ornaments here, you will walk out with a full bag for sure. There is also a nice selection of fragrances, candles, bath and beauty products, greeting cards and lots of stocking stuffers.

Do not pass by **Nancy & Co.** in Southampton, East Hampton and NYC without taking advantage of their Holiday Sale on their ladies' ready-to-wear clothing and accessories.

The Retreat Boutique has moved from Southampton and is now located at 458 Montauk Highway in East Hampton. The shop is in full holiday spirit featuring men's, women's and children's clothing and jewelry, as well as furnishings and accessories, just in time for the holiday season. They are opening with a holiday party on December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Until next week. Ciao and Happy Holiday Shopping!

If you have any questions or comments, or your shop is having a sale, or you are a new business and you would like everyone to know about it, I would love to hear from you via e-mail at: shoptil@danspapers.com or via fax at 631-537-6755.

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Dinner with 007

Since the theatrical release of *Casino Royale* on Friday November 17, a once clichéd catch phrase from the film franchise has strongly reemerged as a universal sentiment in even the least of James Bond fans: women want him, men want to be him. So be him, see him, play him in poker, have a drink with him, or maybe shoot him... but not fatally. In a 007-themed party, the array of style to mimic will influence any fan of the MI6 agent to suit up for the fantasy. As for those not-so-big James Bond fans, they will be easily entertained by your not-so-average activities at the party.

Plan in advance if you wish for your guests to dress for the occasion; do you really want every male at the party dressed as James Bond? You may have to help those who are not yet fully 007-knowledgable with their costumes. Lend them, buy or rent for them your favorite copy of the dynasty and they should have no problem. The average number of characters in any Bond film is vast. From the snide villain at the poker table with the vixen at his side to the CIA agent helping out the scientist in the white lab coat, you will have plenty of reasons not to dress as Mr. Bond. The female guests have more options than the "Bond girl" costume, such as Money Penny and (as of 1997) Bond's tough-talking and fist-shaking boss, known as "M."

Any fan knows that a required drink for the night is shaken and not stirred. Decorate or makeshift as chic a bar as possible and provide the finger foods you would expect at any gala, casino, or similar arena. For background noise, you can avoid repeating the traditional theme song and its varieties by

selecting songs from soundtracks over the past few decades. This year, Chris Cornell wrote the film's theme song "You Know My Name"—songwriters in the past have included Sheryl Crow, Tina Turner, Madonna, Paul McCartney and more. Depending on the availability of screens, multiple movies for viewing can easily engage the guests further into the party as well. You may want to keep an extra screen available for one of the numerous James Bond videogames that are available on any game system.

While the devout fans of 007 sip their martinis and debate whether Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Pierce Brosnan or Daniel Craig is the best Bond ever, pull the other guests in with entertaining or familiar activities that still play along with the theme. Poker is always popular, Bond film or not. In the earlier films the British agent's game of choice was Baccharat, the French game of chance. In *Casino Royale*, however, modern trends seem to have influenced a switch to Texas Hold 'Em – but perhaps you can just pick the game that is best for your guests. For fun, maybe pit those dressed as villains in the films against those dressed as the heroes. It could have some delightful drama.

Another means of entertainment that may sur-

prisingly steal the show is a form of the popular college game known as "dorm assassin." For over 40 years, no one has ever been able to take down James Bond with just one shot, but you can at your party. Purchase enough tiny squirt guns or harmless disc or dart guns for your guests. Write every person's name on a piece of paper, and randomly pass the pieces out with a gun to each guest. The name on the paper is that guest's target for the night. The best way to play is as subtly as possible. To avoid a melee in by the poker table in your living room or the foods in your kitchen, you can guide the tempo of the game by designating certain hallways, rooms or portions thereof as

locations where the "assassinations" can take place. One suggestion remains the bar, an easy place to get caught off guard.

Be it a gathering before or after a screening of the latest film or any in the franchise, or a creative spin on a holiday party, try bringing a little bit of Bond into your home. The average activities at a party always benefit from a little embellishment, and the recent surge in 007's popularity provides an exciting craze in which to participate. Take it up as a reason to wear stylishly formal attire and have a little fun with some spy fantasy.

— Kirk Cassells



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Playing with Fire

There is something mystical about watching food being roasted on a blazing fire that fulfills some intuitive, and even primal, desire within us. However, with the introduction of wood-burning stoves in the early part of the Nineteenth Century, people abandoned their kitchen fireplaces. Why? Because, while rewarding in so many other ways, authentic fireplace cooking (where entire meals are cooked in the fireplace) was a tedious, time consuming, physically demanding, dirty, and a somewhat dangerous endeavor. Even before you began cooking, you had to skillfully build and maintain a very

hot fire using heavy hardwood. Then you had to continuously poke about the fire, shoveling hot embers to and fro and dodge the occasional flying spark. Why bother?

The truth is, we enjoy building fires and we enjoy cooking. And although both are arguably unnecessary in today's modern world, the pleasure and satisfaction of cooking food in the fireplace explains why many people are now rediscovering this lost art.



While it is perhaps impractical to conjure up a full-blown kitchen in your home fireplace (the old ones were actually quite large and designed for that purpose), using a mechanical spit does provide a plausible compromise and a way to extend the pleasures of cooking directly with fire to the kitchen hearth.

Building a proper cooking fire is arguably the most important element of the cooking process. The single most important thing to

remember when building a fire is not to allow any air to get underneath the logs. (You should use hardwoods such as oak, hickory, ash and cherry, as they burn longer and have a higher heat potential. Also, make sure that you use well-seasoned firewood since it starts easier, burns cleaner, and generates more heat.) By preventing a draft of air from passing through the fire, only the top surface and face of the wood will burn, creating a bed of glowing, hot embers which radiates a huge amount of heat into the room and not up the chimney.

Once you have your ash bed, building a proper, long-lasting fire is quite simple. Begin by placing a large log to the very rear of the fireplace. This log, appropriately called the "back log," should measure eight to ten inches in diameter. Since it rests against the rear wall of the fireplace and burns only in the front, the back log protects the fireplace wall from being burned out. A perfect backlog will burn for many hours before having to be replaced.

Next, place a smaller log toward the front just behind the andirons or place it where the andiron would traditionally be. This fore log, should measure four to six inches in diameter and should be pressed into the ash bed to prevent air from escaping underneath. Crumple some newspaper and place it in the trough created between the two logs. Then pile kindling on top of the paper and light using a match.

Don't skimp with the wood when starting the fire. Skimp later once your perfect fire gets going and all you need to do is to maintain the heat that is produced by the accumulation of the red-hot embers on the ash bed. (A rip roaring initial fire will produce a sufficient amount of embers to really start heating up most rooms.) At this early stage, there will be some spectacular flames shooting up as though a house were burning down. These high flames may look great but they actually throw out very little heat. Once the ember bed is established the flames will calm down, rising no more than a few inches above the logs.

To maintain a proper fire, feed it from both the front and the back. The largest log, always placed against the back wall, will burn the longest. When it is burned down in size, pull it toward the front and replace it with another large log. A good pair of sturdy fireplace tongs is indispensable for this work. Always remember to keep the backlog higher than the other logs because it is the burning embers on the front surface of the back log that throws the heat out into the room. By building the fire in this manner, you will be sending the heat into the room not up the chimney. Now you're ready to start cooking!

If fireplace cooking is something that appeals to you, then I recommend buying *The Magic of Fire* or *The Open Hearth Cookbook* to discover what fireplace cooking was and is all about.

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Pine or Plastic?

The Christmas tree has been a holiday tradition for many centuries. Choosing between buying an artificial tree or cutting down a real tree for the holidays can be a tough decision. Do you choose to go with the unforgettable smell of a natural tree, or the convenience of an artificial one? If this is a question you are asking yourself, then read on and hopefully we can help with your decision.

We will start with the positive aspects of a real tree. Many families who have real trees make it a family outing every year to go and pick out the perfect tree, creating their own family tradition. Real trees tend to look more attractive and full. The most loved feature of a real tree is that unforgettable, incredible, lingering scent of a real evergreen. Most people may not know this, but for every Christmas tree cut down, three new seedlings are planted. Therefore, buying a real tree actually helps the environment because more trees are planted for the one you take. Tree plots are also environmentally beneficial because every acre of a Christmas tree farm produces enough oxygen for eighteen people's needs every day.

The pros of buying an artificial tree are pretty obvious. They save time, and you do not need to pick out a new tree every year. The best thing about artificial trees is that they need no maintenance. They do not need to be watered, and the needles will not fall off. In the long run, artificial trees will save your family money. If you take care of your tree, it will last you several years. The clean-up of an artificial tree is extremely easy – just pack it up in a box – no need to arrange a pick-up for a dead tree. Artificial



trees also last longer, allowing you to extend your holiday season as long as you wish. If you are on the more eccentric side, your options for an artificial tree are limitless. Artificial trees come in all colors and sizes, if a pink tree suits your fancy, then go for it!

Buying a real Christmas tree does come with some downfalls. Real trees need to be maintained and watered daily. As the pine needles die, they fall on

the floor, which will need excessive vacuuming. Real trees can also become a fire hazard. The pine needles and branches can become dry, and the heat of the lights decorating your tree have been known to become hot enough to start a fire. If you do not own an SUV or pickup truck, finding a way to transport your dream tree home from the tree farm can also be a bit of a problem.

Artificial trees just do not have the pleasant scent of real pine, even if you spray it with one of those artificial pine scents. Another negative aspect of artificial trees is that the initial price can be quite high. Finding a nice, almost real-looking tree under a hundred dollars is close to impossible. They are also not as environmentally sound because, when you are ready to dispose of them they are not biodegradable. Artificial tree storage can be a problem for some. If you do not have an excess of storage space, finding a place for your large "tree in a box" may be close to impossible.

The decision between buying a real tree or an artificial one is yours to make. Hopefully, reading this will help you choose which is better for your lifestyle. If you are busy all the time and already have a full plate, you may prefer to go with an artificial tree. Homemakers and those of you who could not imagine the holiday season without the smell of fresh pine needles may find yourselves at a tree farm in the near future. Whatever you decide, remember Christmas is about families, love, and giving. So take the time to sit around your new tree and share your holiday cheer.

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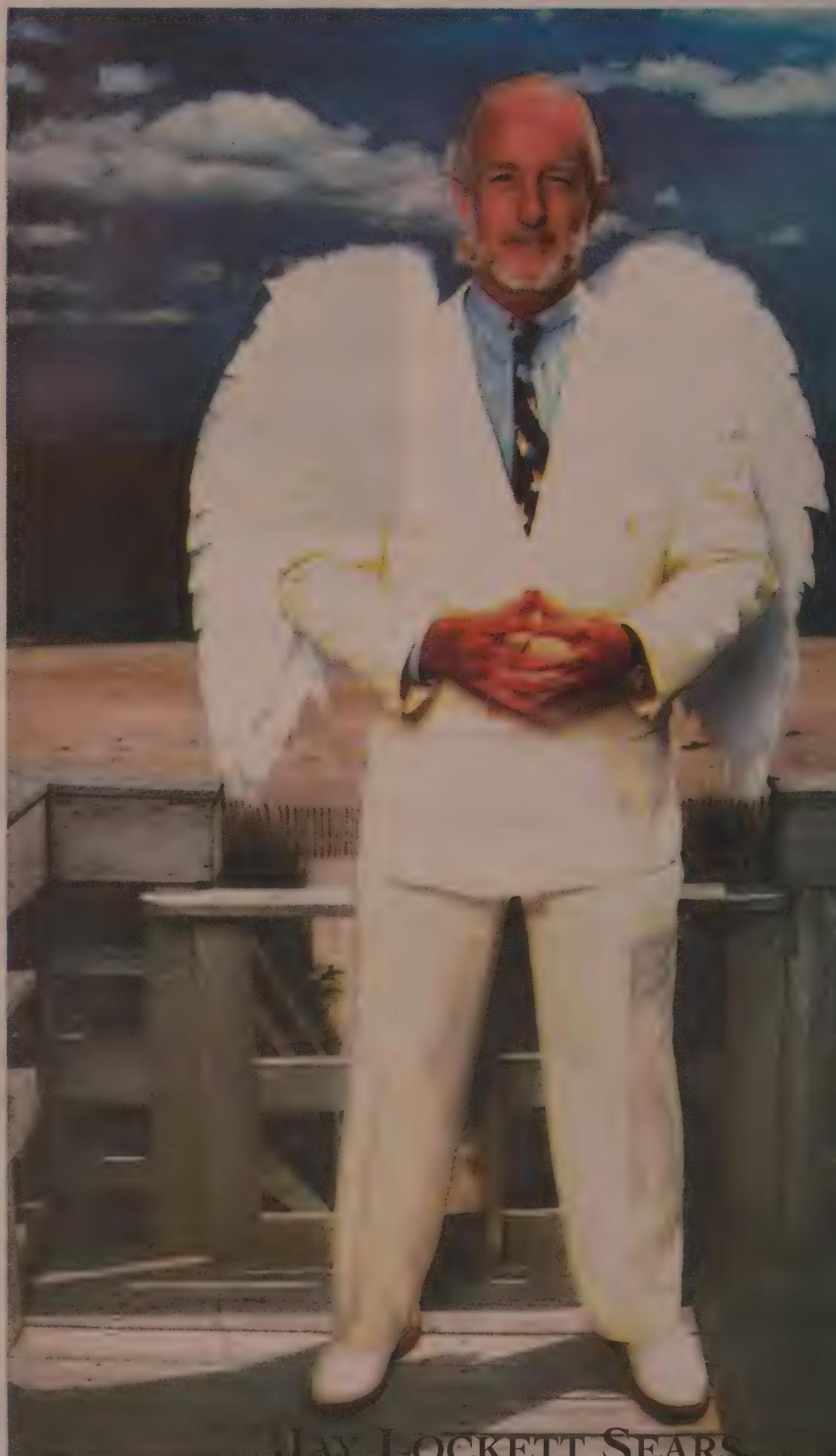
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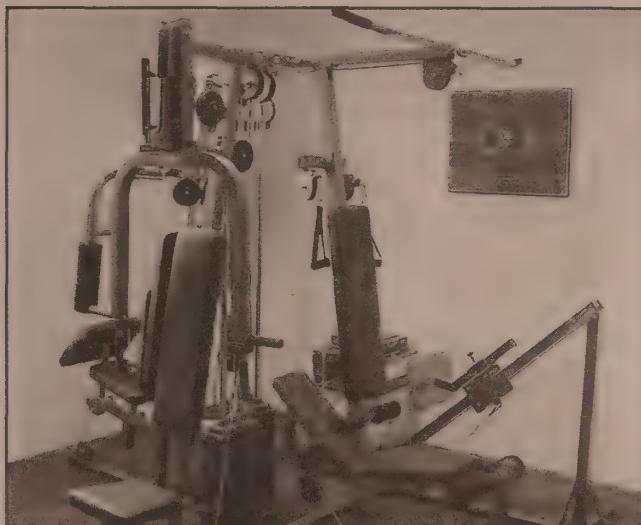
Mom! My Room is Gone!

When students leave home for college, parents often have to adapt to a new lifestyle. Living expenses may decrease tremendously because there is no longer a growing child on the premises. And some parents view their newly emptied nest as a rite of passage, a time to redecorate the house or finally convert the garage into a workshop. A number of parents keep their kids' rooms exactly the way they are "just in case," but many use their leaving as a license to remodel their bedroom.

Take my family, for example. When my older brother moved out after high school graduation, I quickly took over his room because it was bigger. Not a month after he left, the white walls with black and white checkered trim were quickly changed into a pale sage green with lavender trim. His furniture was moved out and my dresser, nightstand, and desk were put in its place.

Meanwhile, my mother had been busy turning my old bedroom into her new craft room. The two-hundred-dollar carpet I had personally selected was torn up and replaced with brown linoleum tiles. The lavender walls were repainted white and the space in which my beanbag chair once resided became cluttered with a worktable and a cabinet filled with acrylic paints and brushes.

I never minded that my mother was so quick to act in rearranging my old bedroom to her preference because I finally had the bigger room! Three years later when it was my turn to move out, not a month after I was gone she had converted my acquired room into an office. Out went my dresser, nightstand, and



desk and in came a filing cabinet, bookshelf, and computer workstation. At least the walls are still green.

Besides a craft room or an office, another common thing to turn a room into is a home gym. This is beneficial because it saves on the increasing rates of a membership at a fitness facility; it is open twenty-four hours per day, and even saves on gas mileage. A decent-sized bedroom is just enough space for a total gym, some free weights, an exercise ball, and a piece of cardio equipment.

Sometimes, if there are two or three spare bedrooms after the last child moves out, parents can con-

vert the spaces into guest rooms and start their own bed and breakfast. In doing research a few months ago for a place to stay during vacation, I found a couple that had done just that: their offspring were well into adulthood and they were retired, so the couple dipped into their retirement fund and converted each spare room into a luxury guestroom. These rooms included a queen size bed, two dressers, two nightstands, a television, and an attached bathroom.

What was also interesting was that each of the three rooms boasted a different theme. The first room was comprised of earth tones and Aztec designs. The walls were deep beige, the carpet and curtains burgundy, and the comforter a mesh of Aztec patterns. The second room contained a jungle theme. Soft green walls and a baby blue ceiling were surrounded by beautiful paintings of animals. The last room was the modern room in which the couple invoked bright colors and contemporary artwork.

As the youngest, I expected my mother to wait a little while, "just in case." Of course, in an emergency, the room can always be changed back to how it was, but it is better to give children time to adjust to their new lifestyle. They could very well despise being away from their families for college, and then return home after the first semester. It is also important that the parents get time to adjust too, as they probably can't even remember back to the last time it was just the two of them. When it is time to remodel though, the options are infinite.

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The New Cost of Christmas

It is amazing that Christmas trees this year cost more than \$400 for a 10-foot tree. Times have certainly changed. Despite a society that is ever more "ecologically" sensitive, using cut trees at the Holidays is as popular as ever.

Cutting and decorating trees for the Holidays, dates back to before Christ's arrival. It has been well-documented since the mid 1500s. In 2005 there were more than 40 million Christmas trees sold in the United States alone.

Trees fill our lives. We depend on them for energy, food, building materials, clothing, and paper. They are responsible for fresh air. With more than a million acres of Christmas trees now growing in the U.S., they successfully support the environment in important ways such as providing a habitat and food for wildlife. Recycled trees protect against soil erosion and provide shelter for fish in ponds and lakes. They strip the air of dust and pollen as it moves through the branches of evergreens. And, it is thought that an acre of growing Christmas trees produces enough oxygen to support the lives of about 18 people.

Most popular among the Holiday trees are spruces, firs, and pines. They take about 8-to-10 years to grow to a size suitable for the Holiday sale. Other evergreens such as cedars, cypress-es, and boxwoods are also in demand, though they play a more supportive role.

Christmas trees vary in color, fragrance, ability



to hold ornaments, and resistance to fire. Some trees are better than others at surviving the warm internal environment of homes. Our research on tree selection shows the following:

Spruces: Spruces are quite popular at the Holiday but hard to care for indoors. The needles are short, and tend to dry and drop quicker than other evergreens, especially if the bottom of the trunk is not kept wet. This means they are probably more prone to fires than other trees. Despite this fact, spruces have stiff branches and needles that support decorating. They are not fragrant, so not the best choice for the "smell of the Holidays." Most popular among the spruces are Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*), Norway Spruce (*Picea albies*), and White Spruce (*Picea glauca*).

Pines: Pines produce longer needles. While fresh they are resilient to fire. Pines typically retain their needles well when used indoors. The branches of smaller trees are somewhat pliable, so not the best for heavy ornamentation. Commercially grown trees are pruned to increase their density (they are typically sparse in the wild). Pines produce a light-to-moderate fragrance, though White Pine, the most available, produces no fragrance. The most popular pines for the Holidays include Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*), Scotch Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), Virginia Pine (*Pinus virginiana*), and White Pine (*Pinus strobus*). Scotch and Virginia Pines are very popular and good selections for living trees that will be later transplanted outdoors.

Firs: Firs are the traditional Christmas trees. They are conically shaped with radially-arranged branches. The needles are much shorter than pines and most have vibrant green or silvery blue color. These trees produce a citrus-like odor when bruised or cut, and will provide a continual, pungent fragrance. The branches are tougher than those of pines and provide greater space among branches for hanging ornaments. Firs are also somewhat resilient to fire, provided they remain constantly wet. The most popular include Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*), Fraser Fir (*Abies fraseri*), and White Fir, (*Abies concolor*). The Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), the most popular, produces a fantastic fragrance. (The Douglas fir is actually a separate family of evergreen plants.) The firs make an excellent choice for transplanting to the garden.

Regardless of whether cut or rooted, trees used indoors require special care to retain moisture. Cut trees generally require about a quart of water per day and misting to survive more than a week. Balled or burlapped trees require that the root ball be kept consistently moist. Under these conditions, trees can withstand indoor stints of about ten days.

Inside temperatures can wreak havoc with rooted trees because they often break dormancy and start to grow in the warm temperature. The result is severe trauma and likely death when the tree is moved outdoors. Rooted trees need to be prepared for transplanting and can be conditioned for outdoors by placing the tree in a cool basement or unheated garage a few days before transferring to the garden.

When planting outside, dig a hole the depth of the root ball and about one-and-a-half times the diameter. Position the tree in the hole and backfill with the excavated soil. Water and mulch heavily. (We prefer to remove the burlap before planting.) Monitor the soil and keep the roots moist throughout winter. Provided the tree does not dry out, it will remain dormant and start to grow when other vegetation emerges in spring.



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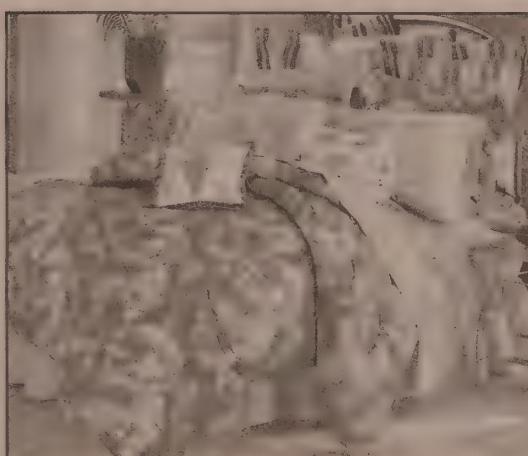
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Comforters and Joy

For many of us, the bed serves as a comfortable and restorative haven where we look forward to laying our heads every night. It is often a favorite spot in the home, and whether it's used as a place to read, watch television or sleep, the bed should be dressed to provide style as well as comfort. When choosing a comforter to drape the bed, there are several factors to consider. The comforter should not only be the cozy cover that we snuggle up in, but also a means to reflect personal taste. Fortunately, there are many popular ways to customize a bedroom beginning with the covers.

When changing bedding with the seasons, many people rely on down comforters to stay warm during the cold winter months. Once thought of as a luxury item, down comforters are now increasingly available at discounted prices and have become more of a necessity than a lavish treat. They are available in solid and reversible colors, which make decorating easy, but sometimes boring. It is generally the duvet cover that expresses the owner's personal style. Duvet covers are available in endless patterns and designs, but there are now easy ways to craft the ideal cover for your bed using stamps, paint, stencils and other tools. For example, have your child recreate a drawing with a fabric crayon on a solid duvet cover, then place it on the bed to see if it displays properly. If not, wash out the crayon and start over. If it looks good, paint over the crayon using textile paints. Another way to customize the bedroom's décor is by using the same stencils to decorate the duvet cover and the walls, creating a flow of matching patterns.

If you want to create a duvet cover from scratch,



using luxurious fabrics such as plush velvet or satin has become very popular and inexpensive. It's even possible to make a patchwork comforter using a combination of velvet and satin, or velvet on one side and satin on the reverse. Both fabrics are rich in texture and will give any bed a luxurious custom look. Or use a floral print one side, and satin on the other. Denim, flannel and corduroy are other popular materials used to create custom duvets. Keep in mind when creating your own cover to seek out washable fabrics for easy laundry care.

Several websites and stores are now offering advanced production technology to create customized comforters and duvet covers using your favorite photographs, paintings or designs. For example, a picture

of your favorite car or landscape can be successfully displayed. Or perhaps you want to create a comforter with several photographs of your family and friends. Whichever you choose, the completed product is far from screen printing silk screening. The images are actually dyed into the bedding fabric, and final resolutions are sharp and flawless. This product allows you to be the designer, and the possibilities are endless. Photo blankets can be personalized for any person or bedroom, and make excellent holiday gifts.

Another way to customize your cover, and preserve memories at the same time, is by using old t-shirts to create a throw or quilt. If you are anything like me and appreciate all things vintage and authentic, this is the perfect way to manufacture a handmade one-of-a-kind piece. Gather your materials by rummaging through your closet or favorite thrift stores. A full-size cover typically uses 25 t-shirt images. Begin by stitching the pieces together in whichever way you desire, and then back up the throw or quilt with sweatshirt material or a fabric of your choice.

If you decide to manufacture your own covers, whether you choose t-shirts, sheets or another textile, make sure to pre-wash the fabric to avoid resizing. Also, don't be afraid to mix different colors and patterns. Size, warmth and color are also key factors to consider, but whichever fabric and design you choose to wrap yourself in, comfort and style are still the most important things when you are in bed. So when decorating your sleeping quarters, use the comforter to enhance your bedroom and reflect a taste of luxury and individual style.

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Subterranean Living

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One of the most wonderful aspects of basements is the open floor plan. No matter what style your house is, you can decorate your basement in any fashion you choose, since every basement starts out resembling a big, open loft space (without the big windows, of course). Feel free to create different spaces within your large basement area, such as a little kitchenette in one corner, a dining area nearby, a central sitting area, and a sleeping area, too. You can separate the sleeping area from the rest of the space with Japanese-style screens, a glass-block wall, or a traditional wall with a door for more privacy.

Once you have your areas mapped out, it's time to deal with practical matters, such as making sure that the basement is as insulated and temperature-controlled as the rest of the house. Also, make sure that there is enough ventilation fans, and air-conditioners are a must. Also, basements tend to dry out



quickly, so invest in a good humidifier or two. If the walls are cement-block, you might want to put up plaster walls over that. If you have exposed brick, try leaving one wall exposed, and plastering the others. Also, a cement floor will need to be covered in wall-to-wall carpeting, vinyl, tile, or wood. If you choose carpeting - the coziest option - be sure to choose warm colors and to steer clear of blues, whites and grays. For a relaxed atmosphere, try patterned wall hangings. Or, for a more traditional look, choose warm paint colors and furniture in plush fabrics and rich tones. You can really express yourself here; the basement doesn't have to match the rest of the house. If you've ever wanted to paint a room pink, orange, red, green or bright turquoise, this is the place to do it.

The most important feature of any basement space is, of course, lighting. You want to create the illusion of natural light, but don't assume that blue "daylight" bulbs will suffice. Their light is cold, and although it is easier to work by, as the only light source it can often feel impersonal. Instead, opt for

"Soft Pink" bulbs like those made by G.E., and always choose more light sources in lower wattages than a few too-bright fixtures. Try putting tall, upward-facing lamps in the corners, track lighting or tube lights on the ceiling, and regular, shaded lamps on tables. This lighting plan, coupled with the soft pink bulbs, will bathe your basement in a warm welcoming glow. If your inner teenager craves hot chili pepper lights, or multicolored lights, indulge. Tack or tape the lights so that they are perfectly aligned with the joint between the wall and ceiling, and plug them into a surge protector with an on/off switch. Multicolored lights can instantly transform even the coldest basement into a tropical getaway, and faceted pastel lights are not garish like their primary-colored, opaque predecessors from the holiday decorations of the 1950s. Try using vellum or paper shades on table lamps, and frosted shades instead of opaque metal bowls on taller lamps. Dimmers and light-sensitive nightlights are also a wonderful feature to add to your lighting plan, especially if you plan to have children sleeping in the basement, as waking up in the absence of any light whatsoever can disorient even the most grown-up guest. On that note, equipping your basement room with a sunrise-simulating clock, such as the BioBrite, can help to alleviate the strangeness of waking up in complete darkness, by gradually illuminating the room over a period from 15 to a 90 minute interval.

Beyond lighting, just think warm. Choose wooden furnishings over metal, natural-colored leather and deep-colored fabrics over bright, cold sateen or black leather. The basement doesn't have to feel like a prison, but it will inevitably feel a bit like a cave, so make sure that it is a warm, comfortable and inviting.

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The Coziest Office

In today's homes, computer and home office areas have become as common as kitchens. Many home offices or computer areas remind me of being at work. It's important that the computer area reflect the personal "you." After all, you probably spend more time in your computer/office area than any other room in your house. Pick your favorite spot in your house (even a closet) and own it! Integrate your office décor to match your home or use this space to escape the mundane and go crazy adding color and fun!

Comfort is the number one necessity in a home office. Remember that you are not at work so comfort can be your number one priority. Think of all the things you dislike about your workspace at the office and make sure to change them in your home. I enjoy being able to put my feet up, so I bought a desk that has a foot-rest. You could also by a small stool and place it directly under your desk for a foot rest. Take a look around your computer area. Is the view inspiring and calming? If not, move the location of your desk or hang up things that make you smile (no matter how silly they are). Lighting is also extremely important when working with a computer. Make sure you have adequate lighting above and behind you to help prevent glare and eye strain. Take the time to adjust the monitor to the right distance to avoid having to squint or wear reading glasses when looking at the screen.

Closets can make a wonderful office area if your home is tight on space; just take out the clothing pole and install electrical connections. Most closets measure around 30" deep and 60" wide, which is plenty of space for a small computer cart and a filing cabinet. You could also install a computer shelving unit direct-

ly into the closet. There is no need to clean when you have guests over; just remove the chair and close the door. Investing in an all-in-one fax/copier/scanner/printer unit will also help to save a lot of space in a small area.

Color plays a large, more important role on your mood than you would typically think. Some colors motivate you while others can distract you. "Cool" colors, such as blues, greens, and purples recede into the background and are not distracting or disturbing. Many offices and schools are often painted in "cool" colors, so they tend to sometimes remind us of these more restrictive settings. "Warm" colors, such as reds, yellows, and oranges are active colors, and make an area cozy because the colors appear to be moving towards you. These colors can be invigorating and cheerful but also distracting, leaving you with a feeling of anxiousness. "Warm" colors work best when they are muted rather than bright. White is a pure and peaceful color. For some, it is boring, but it can also help to make a small area appear larger.

You do not need to spend a fortune on redecorating your home office. Try and think outside the box. Take a drive around your area. People always seem to be getting rid of bookshelves and desks, leaving them at the end of their driveway for you to take. Check out your local thrift store and garage and yard sales. After you find a few interesting pieces, try sanding them

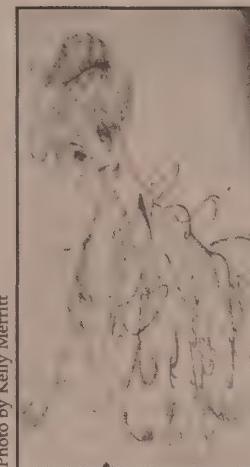


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and covering them with a layer of paint. I love fairies so I bought a cheap white cabinet and sketched a rendition of Tinker Bell on it. Use decorative flowerpots to hold pens, pencils and scissors instead of your standard wire mesh cup. As an innovative space saver, use a canvas pocket shoe caddy that hangs on a door to hold all your excess office supplies, label with a permanent marker. Use wicker baskets for holding files and mail instead of sterile wire baskets. If you have extra fabric or old curtains lying around, use them to cover boxes to hold CDs or to wrap up an old bulletin board creating a style in your home office unique to you. Flowers and plants are known to keep people in a more positive mood and, besides, they improve the surrounding area's air quality; so find your green thumb and pick up some indoor plants for your desk.

Technology has made our lives easier and arguably a little more stressful, feeling the need to always be connected. Taking the time to recreate your home computer area will give you a break from the computer and in the end, the work you do at your computer will be better, and you'll have a new appreciation for your surroundings – truly feeling at home. Taking the time to create new items for your home office will not only enhance your capacity to perform well in a more comfortable setting, but will be endlessly rewarding because you are surrounded by your own creations.

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The colder temperatures of autumn neither freeze nor slow time during these months of the year. Much like the summer season, fall has the tendency to pass by quite quickly. Before you realize it, those orange, yellow, brown and red leaves swirling by your nose will be replaced by fluffy white flakes. But before dreams of a winter wonderland become a reality, take a few moments around the house to ensure that you will have a cozy, secure environment that greet you upon your many returns home. After all, along with those heavenly days of friendly snowflakes that come frequent, and certainly unfriendly, nightmares of falling shards of ice upon frozen roadways.

The warmest and safest home is the driest one. No matter how certain you may be that your home is free of any gaps and insecure creases, look again. The torrential downpours and flooding over the past few weeks may have made just enough of a difference in such a seemingly short time. Any standing water can cause your home's foundation to fail under the new pressure. The cold moisture that winter brings can also seep through the tiniest of cracks and potentially damage your home's structural health. Think of your own health as well, considering the fact that moisture can permeate walls, creating nasty rot and mold that brings mugginess to your environment.

Hence, you do not merely want to keep the water out, you want to keep it as far away as possible. On a sunny day, take a safe trip to the roof to inspect for any loose, missing or damaged shingles or any other roofing materials that might be amiss. Check the attic as well for any discoloration on the walls or cracks in the ceilings. Extra moisture-security tasks

include fitting your downspouts with extensions and directing all of the splash pads beneath them in the right directions. Avoid any ice build-up within the gutters by giving them a good cleaning and adding screens to keep out debris. Make sure all of the joints of the downspouts are properly sealed and take an extra close look at any rusty areas for holes. If you want to avoid that frustrating sound of water dripping and banging inside of any downspout elbow, placing a tiny piece of outdoor carpeting just inside the bottom of the elbow should do the trick.

Once the cold air is officially kept outside, it is time to consider the warm air you now have trapped. The availability of sunlight is decreasing, so take advantage of it at all possible times. Allow it to flash through your windows and heat the room by clearing the curtains and blinds during the day, then closing them an hour before sunset to mildly trap what little of the sun's heat is left for the night. For healthier ventilation and a smoother flow of air, vacuum all of your vents and any other heating components, including your chimney. Give it a thorough cleaning and, while you are at it, make sure the firewood is well stocked. Avoid brisk surprises by making sure your chimney's draft-blocker is secure and



not too rusty, and by sealing any air-conditioning units with plastic covering.

After checking and adjusting all facets of your house, there are a few simple items that provide the final touches of an ideally cozy indoor environment. Break out all of the quilts, comforters and heavy blankets from the closet for a good dry cleaning and add a nice set of flannel sheets to your beds. Electric blankets and space heaters can always add the extra warmth you need on those nights you were not expecting below-freezing temperatures. A full kettle on the stove must be readily accessible at all times. Even better, two full kettles can keep you

supplied with a seemingly endless spring of tea, coffee and hot cocoa.

The cold comes in wild and windy spurts, wet and icy deluges, or soft and fluffy flakes. Even during those nicer moments, it is always a relief to have a warm and dry place for escape. Making early preparations for winter is not an act of dismissing autumn or passing over Halloween for a longer Christmas. Inspecting and adding a few things around your home are small accomplishments that can ease your transition from the current season to the colder one.

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Feed The Birds, Not the Squirrels

You are not alone. Of the estimated 51.3 million Americans that actively feed wild birds, many are thwarted by the curves that Mother Nature throws. Squirrels, Starlings, Grackles, rodents and many other furry and feathered visitors can make filling a birdfeeder seem like a great way to get rid of extra cash when your car can't take anymore gas. And did I mention squirrels? They're worth mentioning twice.

Not to worry, there are steps that you can take to live in harmony with those that call your backyard "home." Feeding wild birds can bring joy to your world, and should not be a source of stress or a waste of money. Wild birds add color and sound to your landscape, along with the joy of knowing that you are helping preserve Long Island's natural habitat. By using a couple of common sense strategies and a little planning, you can take back control of your bird feeder.

Let's start with the seed. If you only remember one thing from this article, it is that not all wild bird seed is created equal. You do get what you pay for. Most low priced mixes are filled with milo, corn, oats and wheat. Many desirable birds will pick these seeds out and throw them on the ground to get to the tastier seeds such as white millet, sunflower and safflower. Using a quality mix reduces waste. Too much seed on the ground can begin to grow a "Garden of Weed-en," not to mention attract local rodents for a free meal. To discourage attracting nuisance birds such as Grackles and Starlings which tend to scare away the smaller songbirds, avoid using corn or milo in your mixes. If too many Sparrows are present, avoid mixes with millet as well. Adding a seed tray to the bottom of your feeders will help collect the seed that spills or gets



thrown out. And don't worry, Blue Jays and Nuthatches like to take a seed or two back to a tree to hide them for later use, not to make a mess!

No one can empty a feeder and frustrate a "birder" like a squirrel. Many options are available to thwart these invaders, and it is often best to try several techniques and see what works best. Just like with seed, quality does matter. The sharp teeth of a sly squirrel will chew around the openings of most unprotected feeders to get access to the prized seed inside. When choosing a bird feeder, consider ones with metal seed ports and perches. Even if a squirrel gets to the feeder, it won't destroy it. Some companies offer lifetime guarantees against squirrel damage, which is well worth the slightly higher expense.

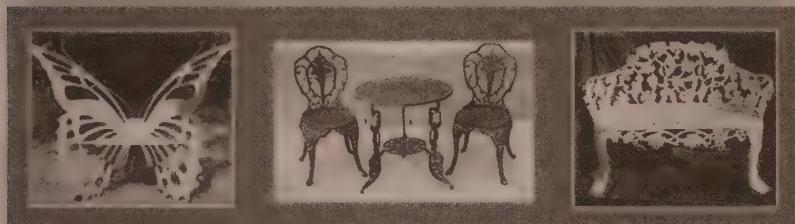
To begin with, consider the location of your feeder. It should be close enough to trees and shrubs to encourage shy birds by offering a place to land and seek shelter from predators, but far enough to keep a squirrel from jumping to the feeder. Try at least 10 feet if possible, but squirrels can really leap, so further could be

better. If you use a tube-type feeder, consider using a squirrel baffle above the feeder if it hangs or below if it's pole-mounted. Baffles are helpful, if not entirely effective. They are part of your defense, not all of it. If you use a pole baffle, the "torpedo type" that look like an upside down works better.

Collapsible perch feeders and spring loaded feeders work much better. The concept here is that every time a squirrel gets on board, the perches collapse down, thus causing the squirrel to fall to the ground with nothing more than a bruised ego. Watching this occur over and over can be quite humorous, until the squirrel leaves the feeder alone or has his lawyer threaten you with a lawsuit! The spring-loaded type closes the seed openings from the squirrels access every time due to the difference in weight of a squirrel and a bird. Some are adjustable to the weight of several larger birds and will close off as well. Spin type feeders and baffles offer possibly the best defense, as well as a sense of victory over the grey-tailed devils, as they begin to spin when a squirrel attacks and continue to go faster until the squirrel gracefully launches to the ground.

Lastly, if you can't beat them, join them. Offer the squirrels something they would prefer such as cob corn, peanuts or squirrel food, but feed them away from your feeders. Harmonious living with the little acorn eaters can be achieved. Take back control of your feeders!

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— YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FUN IN THE HAMPTONS —

An Evening With Eli Wallach

On December 15, The Picture Show at Bay Street Theatre presents a conversation with Eli Wallach, hosted by Jeffrey Lyons, live on stage after the screening of *The Misfits* at 8 p.m. This rare, one-night-only event costs \$20 per person, and the proceeds from the night will go toward supporting The Picture Show at Bay Street's programming. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the National Film Preservation Foundation.

The Misfits (1961) is a poignant drama about the death of the old West directed by John Huston and screenwriter Arthur Miller. The film follows troubled ex-stripper Roslyn Taber (Marilyn Monroe) to Reno, Nevada where she is trying to arrange for a quickie divorce. Struggling, she practices her lines for the divorce judge to her experienced, wisecracking landlady Isabelle Steers (Thelma Ritter), desperate to rid herself of her husband, Raymond (Kevin McCarthy). Through Isabelle, she is introduced first to ex-mechanic, former WWII pilot, and widower Guido Racanelli (Eli Wallach) and then to "real" cowboy and rugged individualist, Gay Langland (Clark Gable). Both become interested in the young, voluptuous blonde woman, and she eventually falls in love with the gallant Langland – who is old enough to be her father. They are offered an unfinished house in the desert, abandoned by heartbroken Guido after the death of his wife, and move in together. Roslyn is exhilarated by the freedom of the wide-open spaces, and her new, passionate relationship with Langland. Things start to get complicated, however, when the men go after a herd of wild horses and take Roslyn along with them. *The Misfits* is best known for being both Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe's final film.

Eli Wallach was born on December 7, 1915 in Brooklyn, New York. In a career that has spanned six decades, Eli is arguably one of Hollywood's finest character and method actors, having amassed awards, critical encomiums and a list of credits that includes both classic plays and light-hearted films. Eli Wallach has worked alongside the biggest stars, including Clark Gable, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen, Marilyn Monroe, Yul Brynner, Peter O'Toole and Al Pacino.

After serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during WWII, Wallach garnered a B.A. from the University of Texas in Austin, and studied acting with the Actors Studio and Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City. Wallach made his Broadway debut in the short-lived play *Skydrift* in 1945. He spent two seasons with Eva LeGallienne's fledgling American Repertory Theater before landing the star-making role of "Mangiacavalo," opposite Maureen Stapleton, in Tennessee Williams' *The Rose Tattoo* (1951), for which he won a Tony Award.

Wallach began making appearances on the small screen's many live dramas of the late 1940s and early 1950s. One of his most memorable performances was as the Dauphin, opposite Julie Harris' Joan of Arc, in "The Lark" (NBC, 1957). He won an Emmy Award for "The Poppy Is Also a Flower" (ABC, 1966), an all-star public service tele-film about the rise of drug use in America. Wallach continued to appear in miniseries, such as "Seventh Avenue" (NBC, 1977), "Skokie" (CBS, 1981), "Anatomy of an Illness" (CBS, 1984) and "Legacy of Lies" (USA Network, 1992). His only attempt at a full series was as the patriarch of a mob family in the ABC drama titled "Our Family Honor" (1985-86).

Much of Wallach's prominence came from his roles on the big screen, such as in the adaptation of the



Tennessee Williams short story, *Baby Doll* (1956). He went on to portray numerous, often hot-headed characters, from the Mexican bandito in *The Magnificent Seven* (1960), to Clark Gable's buddy in *The Misfits* (1961), to the contemptible Pistoler in Sergio Leone's

landmark western, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967). Even in the 90s, the success of his big screen roles is a testament to his remarkable talent and true passion for cinema. He played the often imitated, never duplicated mob boss in *The Godfather, Part III* (1990). He has remained active onscreen in such diverse roles as a Wall Street businessman in *The Associate* (1996) and a rabbi in Edward Norton's directorial debut, *Keeping The Faith* (2000). Whether in theatre, small screen miniseries, big screen premieres or intimate conversation, Eli Wallach, who is soon to be 91 years-old, is a true icon in the acting industry and has proven his talent through a lifetime of passion and well-deserved achievement.

Jeffrey Lyons, who will be hosting the conversation with Eli Wallach, also has a long history of acclaim. The well-known co-host of the PBS series "Sneak Previews," 1982-96, Lyons has interviewed nearly every major movie and Broadway star over the past four decades. Born and raised in New York, he is the son of Leonard Lyons, whose Broadway column, "The Lyons Den," was a New York tradition for forty years. A man of varied interests, Lyons studied acting with Lee Strasberg, attended the Juilliard School of Music, trained with the New York Giants, and studied bullfighting in Spain. Jeffrey Lyons joined WNBC in October of 1996 as the station's film and theater critic. His reviews and interviews can be seen on "Live at Five" and News Channel 4's various weekend newscasts. His reviews can also be seen on NBC stations nationwide.

The screening of The Misfits and the following conversation with Eli Wallach and Jeffrey Lyons at the Bay Street Theatre is not to be missed. The Bay Street Theatre Box Office is open from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. You can purchase tickets at the Box Office by calling (631) 725-9500, or online at www.baystreet.org.

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Entertainment In Town

review: mary poppins...by gordin & christiano

The Disney production of *Mary Poppins* on Broadway with Cameron Mackintosh is simply supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Based on the classic 1964 Disney movie that won an Oscar for Julie Andrews in the title role, the musical, imported from London's West End, draws much of its dark magic from P.L. Travers' original novel, and is even better on Broadway. Here is a stylish vibrant family entertainment that promises to please not only the children but the adults as well.

With an eye toward commercial ventures, Disney has given us a wide range of musicals over the past decade and is changing the face of Broadway with their endless resources and marketing wisdom. The inspirational, long-running production of *Beauty and the Beast* began Disney's reign, and is still playing in theaters all over the country. The pop musical *Aida*, aimed at teenagers and based on the music of Elton John, was the second jewel in their crown. And despite their miscalculation with producing *Tarzan* last season, the dreadful musical is still managing to draw a steady audience. And, of course, their artistically brilliant, mega successful masterpiece, *The Lion King* to make up for any missteps. Now, we get *Mary Poppins*, which, with the aid of the brilliant Cameron Mackintosh, looks to be another potentially long-running winner.

Mr. Mackintosh is unquestionably one of the most outstanding producers both here and in London. Great theatre is collaborative, and Mackintosh's unique vision has given his *Mary Poppins* a gifted array of talent that is decidedly sparkling. Every element of the evening holds an animated vivaciousness that lifts your spirits as easily as Mary Poppins herself takes off in flight, sailing to the upper balcony at the end of the

evening.

The brisk staging by Richard Eyre and co-director Matthew Bourne looks and sounds smart, but it is the clever choreography by Stephen Mear that allows the evening to soar. The dynamic dance numbers energize the entire show with a witty spell that seems to inspire the performers.

Richard and Robert Sherman songs from the original film, that include "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Feed the Birds," and "A Spoonful of Sugar," are animated marvelously. The new songs, by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, feature Mary's funny inspiration and self-love, such as "Practically Perfect," and the stirring "Anything Can Happen." The toys dispense some dark lessons during the slyly amusing "Temper, Temper." The new songs blend so beautifully with the Grammy Award-winning originals that it is difficult to tell them apart.

Bob Crowley has designed the bright costumes and exceptional sets. The complex design for the Banks' home moves from downstairs to upstairs is just terrific.

The intelligent story, written by Julian Fellowes, has sympathetic characters and follows a nanny (Ashley Brown) with supernatural powers, who comes to 17 Cherry Lane in Edwardian London to care for the out-of-control children (Katherine Doherty and Henry Hodges) of Mr. and Mrs. Banks (Rebecca Luker and Daniel Jenkins). The children's workaholic father and



Photo by Joan Marcus

emotional mother had neglected them, and Mary Poppins, their nanny, restores order to their lives by teaching them to work hard and be optimistic, and turns out to be a good witch. She magically disappears, only to return again and then magically fly off at the evening's end, in a special effect that is just dazzling.

Brown, as Mary Poppins, sings, dances and acts beautifully. If her performance displays only two basic qualities that shift rather abruptly, it doesn't seem to matter as she is a totally winning presence. Gavin Lee, who originated the role of Bert, the good-natured Cockney chimney sweep in London, is delightful. He helps Mary in her chores with the children, and his dance number, where

he walks up the wall and on the ceiling, is one of the evening's highlights.

All the talented performers in the supporting roles are excellent, but Ruth Gottschall, as George Banks' former nanny, is a scene-stealing standout.

At two hours and forty-five minutes, the evening is a tad long, but still great fun.

Mary Poppins opened at the New Amsterdam Theatre (Broadway at West 42nd Street) on November 16, 2006. Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at 212-307-4747 or at the box office. Barry Gordin and Patrick Christiano are theatre critics. Barry Gordin is an internationally renowned photographer. They can be reached at bg6@verizon.net.



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ROCKET GIBRALTAR

This Saturday, December 9, at Westhampton Beach's Performing Arts Center, as part of *Dans Paper's* on-going FREE Film Festival of "Movies Made Here," is the memorable 1988 film, *Rocket Gibraltar* starring Burt Lancaster and Maculey Culkin. An odd combination, you say? Wait 'til you see this heart breaker! It was shot entirely on location in Sagaponack in Bridgehampton (another heartbreaker).

Yes, let's hear it for small towns and small movies. With care, they can be meaningful in big ways. The small towns of the East End have been accused of getting too big for their own breeches and beaches. This is only partly true, as it is of some films that are so good they can appear to be self-consciously ostentatious. What is truly good about them can be obscured by their own brightness. This is true of *Rocket Gibraltar* and the town in which it takes place.

This very moving movie is a perfect example of what the *Dans Paper's* "They Made The Movie Here" Film Festival sets out to do, and that is to bring you great films captured in our beautiful local setting. Fortunately, because it will give those of you who don't know it, the great opportunity to be impressed by it, as were those in past audiences and who will, I'm sure, be back to see it again. When it was first released it seemed to go unnoticed. This was probably because of its small, intimate nature in a time of big bruisers. And, as told to me by its producer, Michael Yulick, the producing studio changed heads in the middle of the production and they gave publicity and promotion

preference to the projects they initiated. A fine film got lost in the shuffle. But, thank goodness, it's here now. One of Burt Lancaster's last performances is recorded in a golden and tender motion picture of a large family coming together to celebrate patriarch Lancaster's birthday at his comfortable summer and ocean-soothed house.

Audiences will continually be drawn to *Rocket Gibraltar*. Though it makes no extremely dramatic moves, the naive earnestness and dedication of eight children to give their grandfather a gift they know he wants, carries a hefty weight right out of the movie and buoys it way above the highest waves at Sagg Main Beach. A fine screenplay by Amos Poe includes many genuine bits of character sorted carefully out of all our experiences, along with steady dialogue that conveys a family's seemingly routine visit to Grandpa to celebrate his 77th birthday. To say that it is a family picture is to skimp. It is a big family picture with daughters, sons, in-laws, and of course, those plucky kids.

Burt Lancaster is the grandfather. He was in the twilight of his burly, but sensitive career. He reflects these qualities as a relaxed writer who knows that death is rocking his hammock, seemingly pleased to be joining his wife who passed on earlier. He enjoys listening to Billie Holiday's singing, and the quiet atmosphere of Sagaponack. He liked his gifts, a glorious Jackson Pollock art book, and Fred Astaire movie



tapes, but he had only wished for the big one that the children took heed to. There is Maculey Culkin in the prime of his career (all of 5 or 6 years old), lighting up every scene and instigating action with hardly 5 or 6 words. He works perfectly as a symbol of quiet strength, the innate goodness of heart that creates great emotion. I cannot tell you much more about this film without spoiling the enjoyment of the process of growth from scene to scene that builds to a satisfying conclusion.

Daniel Petrie's direction is dreamy. He gives the film a refined smell and sense of atmosphere that is worked well by the cinematographer, Jost Vacano, with artful dabs, like the use of a gold filter, enhancing

the upper third of the picture in key scenes. Some of the other fine actors are better known now than they were then: Kevin Spacey, Bill Pullman, Sinead Cusack and in a funny bit part as the "French" caterer, David Hyde Pierce.

Beyond watching and being warmed by this film, you will be pondering it for a long time. Please be at Main Street in Westhampton before 3 p.m. for a talk, a wonderful film, followed by refreshments, and some tender schmoozing with your host, Sarah Halsey.

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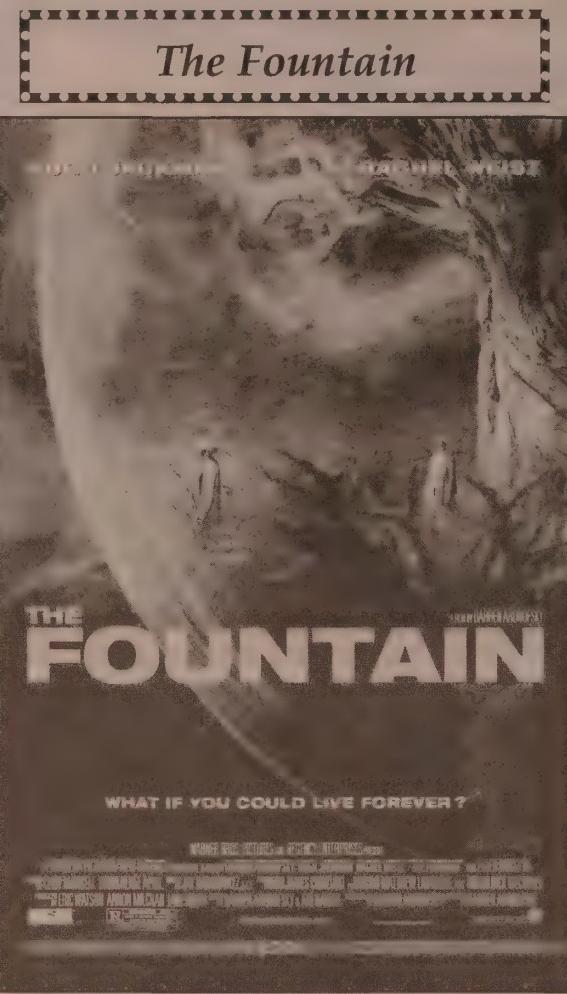
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The Fountain is a spacey, spinning, good lookin' sorta sci-fi quest, covering a span of 1,000 years, seeking eternal love and life. I can flippantly sum up the film with a very old joke about a fellow who searches for decades to find the meaning of life. Finally, he goes to an ancient guru in the Himalayas who knows all. He pleads "What is life?" The sage stares into the setting sun for a long time then answers, "Life is a fountain." The seeker of wisdom screams, "I've traveled thousands of miles for years only to hear that 'Life is a Fountain?' Life is a Fountain???" The guru is shocked. "Life is not a Fountain!"

The Fountain's cyclical (it goes around in circles) adventure begins in the 16th Century, with actor Hugh Jackman playing a Spanish conquistador who has been sent by Queen Isabel to find the Tree of Life (aka the Fountain of Youth). Mr. Jackman will also appear as two more versions of the same person throughout the film. As the Spaniard, Tomas, his never-to-be-love is the gorgeous Queen, lovely and dark and troubled by the Inquisition, portrayed by Rachel Weisz. Weisz also plays Jackman's character's wife, Izzy, in the section of the fractured scenario that takes place in the present. Jackman's name in the present story is Tommy Creo, a research scientist who is also on a quest to find the Tree of Life. In this incarnation, the actor has fortunately gotten rid of the wild beard he wore as Tomas that kept getting tangled in the dense jungles of Central America and the even denser tangles of the silly story line. Tragically, Tommy Creo's Izzy is dying of cancer. Tommy, the scientist, reluctantly falls back on the romantically spiritual Tree of Life for help, and, figuring that it could be healing, he bites the bullet and uses tree bark on a lab monkey as a cure for cancer. I don't think it worked too well, because in the future, the third story line, Izzy has become a tree! Gee, Tommy, maybe a tad too much tree bark? Way in the future, Tommy is now Tom, a bald astronaut. You will do better if you try to judge where you are in the film timewise by how hairy Mr. Jackman's character is. I guess his bark



is worse than his bite.

Do not expect a sequential time frame. The director and conceptor, Darren Aronofsky (*Pi* and *Requiem For a Dream*) does away with all reference to narrative. Instead of constructing a story with a beginning, middle and end, he utilizes beautiful imagery, photographed by Matthew

Libateque, to project visual descriptions and convey a cinematic language of his own. Sadly, the metaphors, complicated by poetic, filmic rhyming, may numb your sensory nerves so much that it has you asking, "What is happening in what world?" However, if you slide down in your seat, pretend you're breathing in the heavy, heady smoke wafting about your head from the 1970s, relax and take your own time-space trip to the past and try to see the screen as a really big mandala, swirling in lovely, colorful patterns in front of you, you might just start to see the impression of a compelling, personal story. This might be your only hope, because you're not going to get *The Fountain* otherwise. Mr Aronofsky was too busy creating his personal vision to bother with character development or a believable plot.

We all want a movie that is so arty to succeed, but the filmmaker has dashed *The Fountain's* hopes of fitting into the art genre by loading it with so many explanations — very doubtful notions of Mayan Xibalba, Einsteinian stretches of past and present erasing themselves, and a lot of other baloney that rings as hollow as a dead tree. Aronofsky's *The Fountain* wants us (I hope) to believe that love will last, even as life, as we know it, does not. Sorrowfully, the ardor of Jackson and Weisz's love is never fanned bright enough to convince us, so how can we expect the flames to last?

My heart goes out to Mr. Aronofsky and his dream — finally realized after eight years of bitter disappointments. I will not weep though, because I doubt that he conceived the movie as art. Art is the thing that is immortal. I do think he's a very good filmmaker, but not an artist. You will find *The Fountain* on DVD A.S.A.P.

Life definitely is not a fountain. Not this one, anyway.

Guy-Jean de Fraumeni is the producer/writer/director of award-winning European and American feature films. He has been a judge at Major Film and TV award competitions, including the Oscars, the Emmys and various film festivals. Sarah Halsey assists him.

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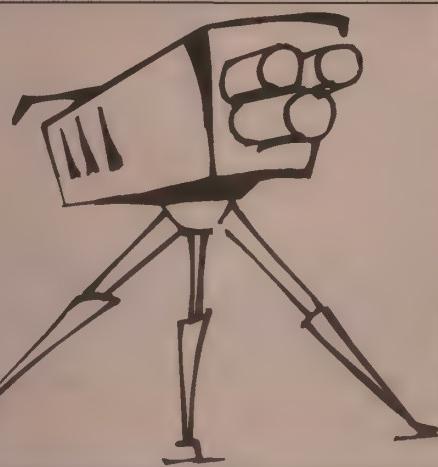
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Dave Evans'
MINI - MOVIE REVIEWS

Apocalypto

Mel Gibson is undoubtedly an anti-semitic, drunk lunatic but the problem posed with this, as with *The Passion*, is that he isn't a bad director. His work is overblown of course but his telling of the fall of the Aztecs is visually and narratively compelling. It will be interesting to see if the public are willing to forgive him his outbursts and give the film a chance.

The Holiday

Director and writer Nancy Meyers continues to plough the same dull, shallow field she covered in *What Women Want* and the execrable *Something's Gotta Give*. Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet star as two women who swap homes and countries in the hope of improving their respective romantic lots. Saccharine tripe.

Unaccompanied Minors

Paul Feig has a strong background in directing for television (*The Office*, *Arrested Development*) but this tale of a bunch of kids trapped in an airport over the holidays is weak at best. The wonderful Jessica Walter is wasted on this. Wilder Valderrama is in his element. Enough said.

National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj

It remains a mystery why National Lampoon continues in the film business. It is more mysterious yet why they have seen fit to issue a sequel to the ghastly 2002 original. This time the film follows Wilder's assistant Taj (Kal Penn) to Oxford where he brings the American college lifestyle to a load of stuffy Brits. There's simply no excuse for this kind of film.

The Nativity Story

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ is given a

lush live-action treatment here by Catherine Hardwicke, more famous as both a production designer and the director of harsh teen-film *Thirteen*. Predictably perhaps, the settings are out of this world and Keisha Castle-Hughes (of *Whale Rider* fame) is an endearing Mary but the whole thing feels mysteriously limp and lacking in narrative tension.

Turistas

Jumping onto the gore bandwagon so successfully ridden by the *Saw* franchise and last year's *Hostel*, comes this tale of backpackers adrift in the Brazilian jungle. Unsurprisingly they are not alone and a terrible fate begins to pick them off one by one. If you're looking for a blood-splattered antidote to saccharine Christmas entertainments, this might just do the job.

Bobby

Emilio Estevez takes the helm for this star-studded biopic of Robert F. Kennedy. Like so many actors-turned-directors (see Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood), Estevez has a well-intentioned but heavy hand that makes the whole thing feel like an over-cooked school project. That said, the star spotting alone makes for an entertaining two hours.

Déjà Vu

After the flop that was *Domino*, it's good to see Tony Scott back in fighting form with this futuristic action-adventure which sees an agent travel back in time to save a woman from murder, and falling in love in the process. The atmosphere is impeccably sleek and metallic while Denzel Washington and Val Kilmer provide sturdy leads.

Deck the Halls

Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick star as

neighbors at war when each tries to outdo the other with Christmas decorations. Given the rank confections that studios spew out during the festive season, this is pretty inoffensive and at times very entertaining. *Arrested Development's* excellent Alia Shawkat provides great support.

Tenacious D: The Pick of Destiny

Jack Black's comedy rock band has its first headlining outing in this film from Liam Lynch, the director of the excellent *Sarah Silverman: Jesus is Magic*. Two goons unite to form a band and then go on a quest to steal a sacred guitar pick. If you're a fan of Black's comedy then this will be manna to you. If not, it's just a fat guy wobbling his way through some cheap gags.

Casino Royale

There's been widespread and cruel consternation over the casting of Daniel Craig as the classic British spy, so it's pleasing to see him succeed spectacularly on his first outing. His is a grittier, but nonetheless glamorous James Bond, and the chases, the fights and the flirtations are very much on form. Eva Green (*The Dreamers*) makes a refreshingly bright love interest and Mads Mikkelsen (of the astonishing *After the Wedding*) is delightfully villainous.

For Your Consideration

Christopher Guest returns with another behind-the-scenes ensemble comedy, this time turning his attention to awards season in the film industry. This might not be quite as consistently sharp as *Best in Show* but there's plenty to amuse here from a phenomenally diverse cast. Ricky Gervais and Catherine O'Hara stand out as does Jennifer Coolidge, an actress always at the top of her game.

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Saturday, December 16

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Saturday, December 23

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

Diane Keaton proves an "older" woman still has "it" while Jack Nicholson suffers a heart attack wooing her daughter. Jack's young doctor, Keanu Reeves, goes ga-ga over Diane. It's a very youthful take on the A.A.R.P. crowd, in the fountain of youth's Hamptons.

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East Wind, in Wading River, celebrates the third annual Big Little Holiday Party. Monday, December 11 from 7-11 p.m., hospitality, service and retail industries are invited to dance the night away with DJ Tommy's Tunes for \$39.95 per person. Friday, December 15 from 7-11 p.m., all industries, no matter how big or small, are invited to groove to DJ Long Island Sound for \$59.95 per person. Each night includes four hours of open bar and a holiday buffet featuring stations from around the world. Special menu items include: roasted NY sirloin with whipped potatoes, eggplant rollatini, stuffed mushrooms, international cheeses, garlic and cilantro encrusted pork and a dessert bar. For more details call (631) 929-3500.

The Patio, in Westhampton Beach presents a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16, from 9:30 p.m. until close. DJ Fast Eddie will be playing

Side Dish By Aji Jones

music from the 70s and 80s. There will also be prizes at the door with a chance to win dinner at The Patio, bottles of wine and more. There is no cover charge for this event. The Patio also has happy hour every Thursday, Friday and Sunday night, with two-for-one drinks from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Also on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday they offer steak and fries for \$19.95 from 5:30 p.m. until close. For further information call (631) 288-4878.

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The Laundry Restaurant, in East Hampton has announced a special three-course prix fixe for

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Silvia Lehrer's Cooking Column

Entertaining friends or being entertained is truly one of life's greatest pleasures. The parties and the family gatherings are all happy times to look forward to. Yet when realism sets in, do we shout "hallelujah" or do we mumble "hassle?" From a cook's point of view, an assortment of simple, do-ahead finger food for a cocktail party makes perfect sense. Hors d'oeuvres are always some of the most popular nibbles at a party. If it's not possible to have someone pass them, by all means, set a colorful candle lit table with an attractive display of room temperature canapés, greenery and baskets of bread sticks and crackers.

Some of my personal favorites are crostini with a variety of toppings, such as mozzarella, basil and slivers of sun-dried tomatoes, savory leek and goat cheese or roasted sweet peppers vinaigrette. Phyllo cheese sticks or parmesan crisps are a contrasting compliment. Salmon rillettes, a deliciously smooth French salmon pâté is prepared with fresh and smoked salmon. Deviled eggs accented with caviar, or leafy endive boats stuffed with seasoned cream cheese and topped with red caviar are always a hit. If money is no object, an extravagant dish of festive caviar makes one of the easiest hors d'oeuvres ever. Just open a tin and grab a spoon. It *tis* the season!

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If pomegranate is not available, toss some Niçoise olives in and around the canapé platter.

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2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil

4 ounce goat cheese log

1 1/2 - 2 tablespoons of fresh snipped chives

Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper for taste

24 thin slices of day-old crusty baguette, toasted

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Dining in the Hamptons

At first sight, college frat parties come to mind when you pull up to Tugboats North Sea House, located on 1271 North Sea Road in Southampton. There are neon beer signs in the window, a plethora of tiki lights, plastic tables and chairs, and some magenta tube lighting placed recklessly around the deck. And there is, of course, the miniature signature tugboat, the "mascot" for the affectionately nicknamed owner (a.k.a Chris Mackin, a longtime vet of the Hanson House in Southampton), which sits at the edge of the road. There is even a "Watch for Children" street sign directly adjacent to the deck, and for good reason!

I went there with my friends Nedda and Tom this past Sunday and we were blown away by the food – the Sunday night TV we watched while dining completely sealed the deal. We even ended the evening playing pool and vintage arcade games. Nedda said, "For the first time in years, I had a



truly gratifying dining experience, at the most reasonable prices. There are all sorts of interesting and fun things to do, see, and read. It's truly an enjoyment for adults and children alike! You can read rare books, listen to live music, or go to Arts and Crafts Sundays with the local artists and their children." Tom could not stop talking about the buffalo wings. "They were not your typical buffalo wings. They weren't soggy, they had the perfect crispiness to them and the most exceptional flavoring and sauces." As for me, I actually ordered a plain old hot dog, which came out with four different delicious sides and all the fixings.

In addition to our order, head chef Joe Piazza brought out even more plates for our tasting pleasure. First, we tried the shrimp scampi which had a very light sauce that was creamy enough to make you feel naughty but not gross, and shrimp topped with fresh diced garlic. We also had chicken marsala, which for those of us who were not mushroom lovers, was a born-again experience. The sauce alone should be bottled like hot sauce and applied to any meal in need of a warm, healthy, hearty touch. The meatloaf was perfect, not overcooked, and served with string beans and fresh, diced garlic on top. The London Broil was just the right color pink and served with a baked potato with a delicate but effective amount of coarse sea salt and butter. And for those of us that like a little something fried once in a while, they serve a Bass Ale beer-battered cod and clam strips plate with a cocktail sauce that has the consistency of ketchup and a serious horseradish kick. YUM! You can order classic favorites like pizza, grilled cheese and BLTs. And for the mom on a diet, there is also a classic, grilled chicken Caesar salad.

The ambience is perplexing, but that is the beauty of the place. You can imagine it how you want it to be, and it sort of adapts to that image. As Tugboat himself likes to describe it, "It's like being at your cool friend's house after school."

Tugboats

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The women's bathroom stall has a chalkboard affixed to it with colored chalk to leave a note that won't do permanent damage. There is also a bed-and-breakfast-style powder room area, where you can sit comfortably and retouch your makeup. Upon leaving the lavatory, you will find all sorts of fun, sensory objects from games and Star Wars memorabilia to posters and vintage books. It really is like being at a friend's house, whose mom is

cool, and allows you to play with all the cool stuff as long as you respect her home.

This is largely due to the owner, Tugboat. His presence is clear extremely accommodating from start to finish. Like a modern-day single father to all his patrons, his manner and tone set the unspoken rules of the "house." You can play but you cannot disturb others. You can write on the stalls but only with chalk. You can watch TV, but you need to keep the volume at a decent decibel. You are cared for and guided throughout your playtime, and you get a healthy, hearty meal to boot. Where else can you enjoy the pleasures of your own home on a night out and feel like a kid again? Try Tugboats. You'll leave with a smile, if you leave at all!

– Darielle Watnick

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Dining in the Hamptons

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tap water. Squeeze leeks dry in paper towel then thinly slice.

2. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet and saute leeks over medium-low heat with a wooden spoon until tender, stirring occasionally, about 16-18 minutes. Meanwhile, soften the cheese in a bowl and mash with a fork. Stir in the leeks, chives and add salt and pepper to taste. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary. The mixture may be prepared up to two to three days ahead. Refrigerate in a suitable container.

3. When ready to serve, bring leeks and goat cheese mixture to room temperature. Spread on crostini and arrange on an attractive platter. If available, sprinkle the seeds of the pomegranate over and around the crostini.

DEVILED EGGS WITH CAVIAR

Makes 20 hors d'oeuvres

- 10 hard-cooked eggs
- 2 teaspoons of Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Lots of curly parsley for garnish
- 3-4 ounces red or black caviar
- Decorating bag and star tip, optional

1. With a sharp knife cut eggs in half lengthwise and scoop out yolks into a mixing bowl. With



a fork, mash yolks very well or push through a strainer. Add mustard, butter, cream cheese, salt, pepper and paprika to the mashed yolks. Mix ingredients until they are thoroughly combined and set aside. If mixture is too thick, lighten with a bit of cream or milk. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary.

2. Fit a decorating bag with a large star tip and with a rubber spatula, scoop the egg mixture into the bag. Pipe rosettes into egg halves by resting the bag in one hand and exerting a little pressure with the working hand. Start at the outside edge, follow outline of egg and make concentric circles until you finish in center. Arrange stuffed eggs on a platter of curly parsley and top each one with a dab of caviar. You can refrigerate ahead, loosely covered with plastic wrap. If refrigerated ahead, add the caviar when ready to serve.

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25-30 cheese sticks

25-30 quartered sheets of phyllo, cut lengthwise

Vegetable oil
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

1. Remove phyllo from box, unwrap then unroll on a clean, dry work surface. With a sharp slicing knife, cut phyllo layers in half, and then cut lengthwise in half again. Cover the number of sheets you will work with, with a lightly dampened towel or plastic wrap. Roll up remaining sheets and return to its plastic case and box. Refrigerate until ready to use again.

2. Place a small bowl of oil in a dish next to where you will work with the phyllo. Pull one sheet at a time from under the towel. Lightly sprinkle oil with the tips of your fingers, over the surface of the dough. It is not necessary to completely cover with the oil. Then coat the layer with a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. Starting at one end, roll the sheet into a cigar shape and transfer to a lightly greased cookie sheet. Continue until all are done.

3. Place cheese sticks in preheated oven for 10-12 minutes until golden brown and serve at room temperature. Cheese sticks can be prepared up to several days ahead and stored in a wax paperlined cookie tin.

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Arts & Galleries

ART COMMENTARY With Marion Wolberg Weiss

CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK: PUBLIC ART

Part 1

Madison Square Park, between Madison and Fifth Avenues from 23rd to 26th Street, is one of those secret green spaces that redeem New York's reputation as a "concrete jungle." More importantly, however, it's also a haven for public art with, most recently, photographs by Hampton's resident Chuck Close.

Imagine this. Six point two acres of greenery, complete with permanent sculptures, an outdoor cafe, flowers, fountains, plants and a playground, all recalling an English or Italian garden. Yet there's also a section of the park that features tall forms resembling treehouses.

But wait. Are those huge pictures by Chuck Close and three other photographers hanging from the tree limbs with barely noticeable thin, strong wire? It's probably one of the most unusual installations we've seen in a long time.

What's even more surprising is the incongruence: Close's photographic portraits of human faces introduced into a natural setting. Are the portraits replicating their innate surroundings? Or are they making another point that's more subtle? Across the street from Madison Square Park are skyscrapers whose

materials and textures contradict the greenery. The familiar adage of primitivism vs. technology rears its head once more in a most unlikely place.

New York is certainly overflowing with diverse public art works, many of which also signify incongruence. We were particularly attracted to those suggesting a Christmas theme and were more decorative than anything else. The configuration of tents at St. Bartholomew's Christmas Bazaar on Park Avenue and 50th Street provided a contrasting setting as well: the old stone Catholic Church and the new glass skyscrapers in the background.

Opposing shapes filled the setting, too, presenting an unusual kind of geometric



Photo by MW Weiss

Photograph by Chuck Close

abstract picture: the vertical buildings vs. the Church's round-shaped inset; the vertical trees in the Church's courtyard vs. the rectangle stalls where Christmas items were being sold.

Finally, another incongruent Christmas decoration: a mammoth wreath hung from columns of a bank building on Park Avenue and 40th Street. While the object, like Close's photographs, was hung with thin wires from an edifice, the fascinating aspect was that its hanging became a performance art piece for onlookers as a man, extended from a cherry-picker contraption, attempted to fasten the wreath. Would he fall (doubtful) or would the wreath fall (more likely)?

We're happy to report that both survived the installation.

HONORING THE ARTIST: JEN BROWN

This week's cover artist, Jen Brown, is the kind of person who knows what she wants and is willing to do what it takes to accomplish her goals. She describes this predisposition as being "adventurous." We'd call it "having it together."

Hearing Ms. Brown describe her artistic intentions puts the listener in the realm of metaphysics: her explanation of reality vs. illusion and clarity vs. ambiguity recalls philosophical ideas that are not only intellectually engaging but provide a different slant on what most artists talk about.

Here's some of the conversation that took place, giving us a distinct view of Ms. Brown and her art.

Q: The cover is part of your "Clothesline Series." Tell us what's going on in this work.

A: I'm investigating the difference between clarity and ambiguity. The tree is clear, stable, the clothes are moving in the wind, which is ambiguous. In life, clarity is what I am. But the world is always moving. It's unpredictable, ambiguous.

Q: What formal qualities in the series are most important?

A: I focus on color and was very influenced by Hans Hoffman.

Q: How does this penchant for color work in your series?

A: I go out and pick clothes for their colors. Some are mine, some are my friends.

Q: How about in your personal life? How important is color?

A: I wear bright colors in the summer especially: turquoise, oranges. And the house. It's painted in colors like the Caribbean. Yet my kitchen has eight different colors, like Naples, Italy. The house's interior trim is butter yellow; the doors are violet black.

Q: You have a special affinity for your house?

A: Yes. It was my grandmother's. I would come here to visit as a child. She was an artist, and I remember her taking us for walks, doing adventurous things.

Q: That's where you got your adventurous spirit, I bet.

A: Perhaps.

Q: I'm assuming that some of your past work has been narrative while the current series you describe as still lifes.

A: Yes. I did a narrative series about whaling for the Sag Harbor Historical Society. I did extensive

research; reading the diaries of the sea captains and their wives, for example. My favorite in the series was called "The Mutiny" and was inspired by paintings of battle scenes in the Renaissance Period.

Q: You did a lot of research for your series. How important was your art training regarding that?

A: I studied at a variety of schools, including the New York Studio School and part-time for thirteen years at the School of Visual Arts and the New York Academy of Art. I especially learned the discipline of painting eight hours a day at the New York Studio School. I learned a work ethic and to create in a variety of media. I learned to take art seriously.

Q: You certainly did. One thing you take seriously is reality vs. illusion, your view of what you see.

A: I see things on a flat plane. The ultimate truth is flatness. The illusion of space is the opposite of the truth of the picture plane. I don't want to walk into my picture. I want to wake up and not know there's deep space.

— Marion Wolberg Weiss

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ART EVENTS

Dan's COMING UP

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APPLIED ARTS — The first annual student, faculty and patron group show will be shown through January 5. The show highlights pieces from over 60 artists ranging from traditional landscape painting to contemporary digital media. Part of the proceeds go toward special programming at the Applied Arts. Located at 11 Indian Wells Highway, Amagansett. Call 631-267-2787.

GALERIE BELAGE — Featuring works by Pino, Degas, Dali, Peter Max, Ivan Valtchev, Irit Hadani, Tarkay, and others. Gallery hours for the fall season

are: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and by appointment on the weekends. Located behind Margarita Grille at 8 Moniebogue Lane, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-5082.

BIRNAM WOOD GALLERIES — Featuring paintings, fine prints, and works on by Richard Hayley Lever, Everett Shinn, Helene Frankenthaler and Wolf Kahn. Also featuring new works by British artist Chloe Lamb. Located at 52 Park Place, East Hampton. Call 631-324-6010 or visit www.birnamwoodart.com.

BOLTAX GALLERY — Now showing "Don Florence 20/20: Works on Paper." The gallery will be open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment. Located at 21 North Ferry Road (Route 114), Shelter Island. Call 631-749-3530.

BRAVURA ART GALLERY — "Tschacbasov:

PICK OF THE WEEK
PARASKEVAS GALLERY
— Paintings and illustrations from *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and other books Michael published with his mother, Betty. By Appt. 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. 631-287-1665.

Controversial and Prescient 1930s WPA Era Paintings." Show will run through Sunday, December 31. Gallery is open Thursday to Monday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (except Sunday, from noon) and by appointment. Located at 22 Nugent Street, Southampton. Call 631-259-2605.

BRIDGEHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Artist Mary Gardener will be exhibiting "Selected Images," a selection of her work through December 20. Located at 2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-1088.

CELADEON GALLERY — Holiday pottery sale, made by the potters of the Clay Art Guild of the Hamptons. Will run through December 16. Saturdays and Sundays only, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Located

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at 41 Old Mill Road (next to the Water Mill Museum), Water Mill. Call 631-726-2547.

CHRYsalis GALLERY — "7th Annual Holiday Show." Gallery hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Will run through December 16. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at Main Street, Southampton. Call 631-287-1883.

THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY — Holiday Small Works Show featuring the work of Lynn Matsouka. Will run from through December 30 with an opening reception Saturday, December 9 from 5-7 p.m. The gallery is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday to Sunday. Located at 136 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3627.

THE DRAWING ROOM — Recent works by gallery artists. Show will run through December 23. Open Mon. and Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at 16 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5016.

EAST HAMPTON ARTIST ALLIANCE — "Personal Vision," a photography exhibit guest-curated by Gerry Giliberti and Marilyn Stevenson. Show will run through December 15. Located at East Hampton Town Hall, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton. Call 631-283-8132.

FERREGUT TOWER GALLERY — "Spice," an exhibition of artists with a great variety of medium and visual depiction. The show will open Friday, December 8 and run through January 31. Artists reception December 17 from 6-8 p.m. "Fifteen Minutes," features Mr. Warhol's paintings of famous people and Christophe von Hohenberg's photographs in his and Charlie Scheips's new book, *Andy Warhol: The Day The Factory Died*. The exhibition will run through December 19. Gallery hours are Friday-Sunday, 1-6 p.m. and by appointment. Located at 3 South Main Street, Southampton. Call 631-287-0798.

THE GALLERY — Showing "Dada's Daughter, the Works of Amy Ernst." Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at 125 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-7707.

GUILD HALL — As a gift to the East End community, Guild Hall is waiving museum entrance admission fees to "Our Town: Fritz Leddy Photographs" and "Our Town Today: Contemporary Visions of East Hampton by East End Photographers" exhibitions from now until January 7. Located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call



"Languid," by Jeff Muhs at RVS Fine Art, Southampton
631-324-0806.

HAMPTON ROAD GALLERY — A series of photographs by Wendy Chamberlain will be shown from her book *True East*. Will run through December 20. Proceeds will benefit the Peconic Land Trust. Located at 36 Hampton Road, Southampton. Call 631-204-9704.

HAMPTON BAYS LIBRARY — Local artist Rafael Hidalgo will display his paintings in the Helen Gould Room. Located at 52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-6241.

JADE NECTAR GALLERY EAST — "Enchantment: Art for Children's Bedrooms." Will run through January 8. Jade Nectar Gallery East is open for the winter Friday and Saturday from 12 to 8 p.m., and Sunday and Monday from 12 to 6 p.m. Located at 77 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-6308.

KARIN SANDERS FINE ART GALLERY — "2006 Gallery Retrospective" will run through April 15. Gallery hours are Sunday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, by appointment; closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Located at 126 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Visit or call 631-899-3430.

PARASKEVAS GALLERY — Michael Paraskevas' extensive work and children's book illustrations from *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and other books he published with his mother, Betty. Open by appointment. Located at 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. Call 631-287-1665.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM — "Roy Lichtenstein:

"American Indian Encounters," featuring an extraordinary selection of virtually unknown works, bringing together more than thirty rare paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, and much more. The show will run through December 31. Located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118.

ROSS GALLERY — Ross School is pleased to announce the opening of "Alchemy: The Art of Christopher Engel" at the Ross Gallery. This exhibit will remain on view through December 22. It is open during school hours Monday through Friday and by appointment by calling 631-907-5238. Located 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton.

RVS FINE ART — "Winter Wonderland," an exhibition of new work by gallery artists Francke, Muhs, Burns, Giova, Ojeda, Berlin, Vontheron, Dupre, Ferrato, La Huis, Farrell, D'Avino, and Ma. The works will be on display through March 3rd. Open by appointment throughout the winter. Located at 20 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-8546.

SILAS MARDER GALLERY — "Fall Show," includes artwork by Hamptons artists and there will also be artwork on display in a salon style hung in the gallery's second space. Show will run through December 17. Gallery hours are Friday, 12-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Located at Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton. Call 631-702-2306.

SOLAR GALLERY — "Eduardo Bárcenas: Acts of Silence/From South to North, a Selection of Works from 2000 to 2006." Show will run through January 22. Located at 44 Davids Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-907-8422.

SOUTHAMPTON ARTISTS ASSOCIATION — "Holiday Gift Show," will run through December 22 at the Southampton Cultural Center. Hours are weekdays 10 a.m.-4p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Located at 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2686.

SPANIERMAN GALLERY — "Works on Paper: Abstraction at Mid-Century," presenting twenty-five works on paper by American artists spanning a period of forty years. Also featuring "Long Island Abstraction" in the upper gallery with abstract expressionist paintings and sculptures. Both exhibitions will run through December 11. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Located at 68 Newtown Lane (building in rear), East Hampton. Call 631-329-9630.

SURFACE LIBRARY GALLERY — "The Gift Of Art," a holiday exhibition of ceramics, papier-maché, landscapes, works on paper, furniture and sculpture. Will run through December 30. Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Located at 845 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton. Call 631-291-9061.

GALLERY AT GOODFRIEND PARK — Featuring Michael Knigin's paintings and photographs. Open to the public everyday by appointment through December. Located at 26 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5550.

TULLA BOOTH GALLERY — "Holiday Gallery Favorites." Gallery hours are Friday through Monday, 12:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, 12:30 - 8 p.m. Located at 66 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-3100.

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Juggling and the Price of Sleep

Have you ever thought, "I can pull this off!" too many times in one day? As the years between myself and my graduation from adolescence have piled on top of each other, I find myself committing to too many roles, and then feeling like I don't have time to do all the important things my life demands. As a result, I pay with sleep hours. Because while I'm sleeping, I could be doing one of the things I've told myself I would do.

This is not a complaint at all. I actually find myself knowing more why life is so precious because there are so many things into which I could throw myself fully.

Unfortunately, throwing yourself fully into something usually results in losing something else you had your hands in. So how do you dive into your job when your journal beckons? How do you make quality time for your family when you were up late with good friends the night before? How do you get to the museum or that movie you've been meaning to see when you haven't even thought about that paper that's due next week?

Perhaps I have taken on a lot of responsibility, but I am certainly not alone. I don't even have the added consideration of a whole family that depends on me financially. I don't even have a dog to take care of, for goodness sake. So, as I think about the all-too-common problem of "never enough time," I am thankful that there's so much greatness to experience in this momentary dance of life.

Still, what is the solution? Where do you trim down



the action in life to find time for it all? I know my current solution of staying up late even though I wake at dawn, even though my throat's starting to feel a little tender, is not the best plan. But it's the only plan I can think of. I do it armed with Peach DeTox tea, with time for yoga classes, with showers in the dark by candlelight. I do it, indulging my needs all the way. Until I go to work.

You see, what they say about writers is true. They have day jobs. And my choice for a day job was no day

job. It's an all-the-time job. You see, I am a teacher in Harlem. Fourth graders. And those little angels will run you ragged. Their cute little pigtails and their shining eyes lure you right into their clutches, where they then invade your thoughts and even, occasionally, your dreams. They demand my undivided attention, divided 27 ways. They come in early, they stay late, they need to talk at lunch. But what about the great American novel I am in the middle of? What about the child development class I am taking at night? What about the column I write for this fabulous newspaper on the eastern tip of Long Island, where a piece of my heart resides?

And thus, sleep falls by the wayside.

I have to say, though, that it's worth it. I wouldn't trade my Saturday night on the Lower East Side, running around with tried and true friends. I wouldn't trade time with my brother yesterday, scraping moss off the patio at his new place. I wouldn't trade phone conversations, or that scene in *Love, Actually* when Emma Thompson is listening to "Both Sides Now" by Joni Mitchell. And I couldn't, couldn't, COULDNT trade my hours devoted to planning lessons about Frida Kahlo and turning fractions into decimals. For the next week, let's consider it a documented test, then. I will observe how my cold-ritten body responds to lots of inspiration, motivation, and fun. Can lots of hydration, purifying teas, hot showers, and yoga sessions make up for a few hours trimmed off the ends?

We shall see, in our next installment of "Inspirations."

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Man or Beast

It's almost winter, I know, I know, everyone is saying that. The temperature is dipping below freezing, the trees are bare, and all those other clichés about December are floating about in the air like predictable snow flurries. So why would I take this time to talk about such a non-winter topic as male grooming?

The first reason is because if you're lucky, unlike me, you'll be going on vacation soon to someplace warm where an ape-like amount of hair on your body isn't going to impress anyone. Secondly, also if your lucky, unlike me, you never know when you're going to be asked to take off your shirt. Thirdly, The Polar Bear Plunge for Hunger is December 16th (hrhamptons.org), so now you do know when you're going to have to take your shirt off.

It's your body and you can do what you want. You want to wax your chest? Do it. You want to shave it with an electric razor? Fine. Use a Mach 3? I'm not going to argue with you, I'm just going to say, whatever you do, be careful. You've probably been shaving your face for years and know the pitfalls of using a slightly dull blade. Nicks and ingrown hairs are embarrassing enough when you're dealing with your old mug, so remember shaving your chest is just as or even more of a treacherous territory.

I was talking to a friend the other week and she explained how difficult it was to get over the initial apprehensions of the bikini wax, and furthermore the Brazilian wax, and I began to think that being a guy is a lot easier in this regard. We are not required to remove anything! Then again, if you're harvesting a rainforest on your chest you may have a situation that needs quelling.



If you want to go for the wax, do it at a respectable salon. The best way to figure out where to go is to ask the experts (your girlfriend, or a female friend who waxes regularly). Once there, be prepared for the salon to show you no mercy. Ever see that scene in *40-Year Old Virgin*? That's not too far off. You are paying someone to rip the hair out of your follicles. It hurts, but you end up with a smooth body. Besides not having to do the work yourself, another perk is that waxing lasts longer than shaving, and when the hair does begin to grow back it is a little thinner and a little softer which means less itch underneath the shirt. The cons are that, besides the initial pain, ingrown hairs can and usually will occur to some extent, but exfoliating can help fight this.

Shaving fares better than waxing in some regards, and worse in others. Firstly, it's private. You don't have to go out and announce to the world you are having your chest hair removed. Secondly, it's cheaper.

The flipside is that it can get ugly fast. What you

need to remember is exfoliate daily (this goes for waxing too) daily for several days leading up to the shave. This primes the skin for the event.

Second, use a set of electric hair clippers to get off the bulk of the hair, but use it with one of the smallest plastic clips on, because you don't want to go too close just yet. Wash the chest with exfoliating soap and warm water before you take to the razor. Use a NEW razor. A dull razor will create havoc on your skin, leading to countless ingrown hairs, and will leave you generally embarrassed for weeks, which means you can't even show off your newly shorn chest.

Work shaving gel into hair for a few minutes before shaving. Do not put pressure on the razor as you shave – let it glide on the shaving gel. When finished, exfoliate daily for added prevention of ingrown hairs. Try using a loofah – I know, I know, guys don't loofahs, but if you're too tough to do that, than maybe you're also too tough to have a shaved chest. After showers apply a perfume-free moisturizer to keep the skin soft, which will also help prevent trapping hairs under your skin. The one thing you will notice, even as early as the next day is that your chest hair will start growing back and the stubble is going to be itchy, the moisturizer can help with this as well.

If all this sounds too frightening, and a trim is all you really need, invest in a pair of quality electric clippers with various settings. Start at a longer length and make your way to the point where you are satisfied.

Also for your more adventurous gentlemen out there, if you like how a shorn chest feels, it seems more and more men are taking that trip down to Brazil these days.... But I'd leave that up to a professional.

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Real Estates by Diane Strecker

Wineries on the North Fork have been growing rapidly over the past few years and the sales of such properties are among some of those that have helped move the North Fork real estate market in to the high-end market of the East End. The North Fork still possesses some of Long Island's last and largest undeveloped acreage. Most of these vineyards now sit on what was once eastern Long Island's most expansive farmland and have become positive additions to the regions preservation as well as its commerce. They have become a pleasing alternative to development, and protect some of the East End's most beautiful and pristine acreage. Many of these vineyard properties reach out as far as the waterfront, making for stunning natural settings that can draw thousands of visitors each year for wine tastings and vineyard events. There are now more than 40 vineyards covering hundreds of acres that span the North Fork. Duckwalk Vineyard, which originated in Southampton, has expanded onto the North Fork and is building a beautiful, new sister tasting room in Cutchogue. Many others are adding to their facilities, or increasing the acreage on which they plant their vines.

The most recent sale of its kind is a 33-acre vineyard, in the heart of the Long Island wine country, Cutchogue. The sale of the Bidwell Vineyard, located on Route 58, closed just last week. The vineyard, encompassing 33 acres, 27 of which are already planted, also includes wine manufacturing facilities, multiple buildings, and a tasting room. Barry Novick of Brown Harris Stevens, a leading associate broker dealing in wineries on the North Fork, has been handling sales in the Long Island wine region for the past ten years. **The Bidwell sold**

Courtesy of Brown Harris Stevens



for \$3,200,000 to Joseph and Rose Pipia. Already renamed Vineyard 48, the Bidwell property has a full wine-making facility with state-of-the-art technology and a custom-designed tasting room. Brown, Harris Stevens is also handling the listing of four other North Fork vineyards: Castello Di Borgese, The North Fork Vineyard, Schneider Vineyard at Roanoke Point, and, most recently, Sherwood House Vineyard. All are listed exclusively with Brown Harris Stevens.

Castello Di Borgese's sprawling, 85-acre vineyard was the very first on the North Fork, founded in 1973. The property includes an elegant country residence with a pool. Its prime main road location coupled with its reputation for producing award-winning wines will command a price of \$9,200,000.

Schneider's Roanoke Point Vineyard encompasses 21.5 acres of which 14.5 are already planted with quality fruit-producing vines, including the "Potato Barn Label." There is a 2900 square-foot barn with

prime visibility and has the potential for a conversion into a winery and tasting room facility. There is also ample space to add a residence. The property is priced at \$1,800,000.

Another is the North Fork Vineyard that offers a prime 62 acres in the heart of North Fork's wine country that includes desirable main road frontage that would be ideal for a potential winery. The vineyard has been impeccably maintained and is listed at \$5,950,000. The Sherwood House Vineyard, located in one of the most picturesque and bucolic corridors on the entire North Fork, encompasses 38 acres with over 27 already planted acres with premier, mature varietals. Their distinguished wines have received rave reviews from a number of industry publications. The listing includes a tasting room, business and inventory, and is listed at \$4,100,000.

One can purchase prime sound-front acreage on Nassau Point for \$18,900,000. There is a 23-acre parcel located in the midst of farm and wine country with development rights already intact. There is room for two waterfront and six water-view lots. The land is listed with Prudential Douglas Elliman in Southold. One of the largest parcels of vacant land currently for sale on the North Fork is in Aquebogue. The property is considered a developer's dream and consists of 106 acres that run along Terry's Creek and Broad Cove. There are 15,000 square feet of waterfront. Potential zoning exists for 40 two-acre waterfront lots as well as a golf club and hotel. The piece is within minutes of Westhampton Airport and the Long Island Expressway. It is listed with Hampton Properties at \$35,000,000 and is the highest-priced piece of real estate on the North Fork.

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Letters

PATRIOTIC DUTY

Dear Dan,

Everyone in our company enjoyed the piece entitled "Where Was Missy?" which appeared in the November 17 issue of *Dan's Papers*. I personally was astounded by your ability to analyze the passions and pains of the various players.

Once the US Navy has cleared away the muck and the muck, we expect to have another go at moving The Intrepid. We hope you will join us about our family party tug to witness the festivities and salute this icon of American patriotism.

Sincerely,
Brian A. McAllister
New York City

It went on Tuesday without a hitch. -DR

IN PRAISE OF LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Dear Dan,

As an educator, I read with interest your son David's article about the wonderful education and opportunities that he experienced while attending East Hampton High School.

Even though I attended a Catholic elementary school as a child, I am a firm believer in public school education.

I enjoyed reading David's book, *Away At School* and I always look forward to reading his articles.

I am sure that David's teachers are so proud of him!

Sincerely.
Lillian DeMarco
Via e-mail

Me too.-DR

PRECIOUS PERFECTION

Dear Dan,

Well Dan did it again!

In your latest issue, an article about Harriet Gumbs, the Shinnecock Indian, he writes, "I have a photograph of "she and I" (p. 40). Doesn't he have a proofreader to correct these errors?

Please tell her we don't like he to make these errors. We love him and want him to be perfect.

Howard Purcell
Amagansett
Via e-mail

Perfection eludes me. -DR

Detonation Wire?

An urgent response was made in East Hampton Village when somebody called the police after finding a used detonation wire on the sand between Main and Georgica Beaches. The Suffolk County Emergency Services Unit was called and a technician started an investigation. After the investigation, the technician determined that the wire was construction debris that washed up on the beach and was in no way dangerous. No beach explosions have been reported since the investigation.

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All Terrain

A homeowner in Sag Harbor called police after he saw kids driving all-terrain vehicles close to his house. Dang,reckless teenagers.

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Chinese Scroll

A man entered a home in Springs and stole an alarm clock and a \$150 Chinese scroll. Don't ask me what the hell is going on with this one.

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Sick Raccoon

A caller on Shelter Island reported to police that

IN PRAISE OF LOYALTY

Dear Dan,
Dear David,

A hasty note to you about your truly excellent article "In Praise of East Hampton High School" in the November 24th issue.

As someone involved in the field of education over the past sixty-nine years, I simply want to congratulate you on your frank and honest personal appraisal of East Hampton High School.

From the prospective of an Alumnus, often times it's not easy for a writer to pick out ad empathize negative aspects of an institution without portraying its positive, beneficial side –you've done through your article, a really fine job of praising East Hampton's excellent High School and presenting it properly in a positive light.

And, I should say, it's a very strong, positive stand in you to have taken – most people don't take the time or trouble to stand up for something they believe in – simply because it's easier not to.

Your own stand and your loyalty to your old school says a hell of a lot!

Let me say as well that over the years at Boys and Girls Harbor, especially when its camp was up and running in East Hampton, we hired quite a number of really good, effective councilors from the high school, young e ad women who worked effectively and hard to help give New York City inner city youths a positive experience – over time, valuable friendships were formed between East Hampton boys and girls and those coming out from the city.

As an aside I think most thinking adults will agree that negative incidents occur in all schools, public, private and otherwise. Such is the nature of a growing-up segment of populations everywhere.

I most certainly wish you every success in your already blossoming career as a journalist.

Your Pop must be proud of you!
Warmest best wishes.

Tony Duke Sr.
Boys and Girls Harbor
East Hampton and NYC

Hey David! -DR

TRAFFIC CALMING ISSUES

Dear Dan,

I am a twenty-two year old student at Suffolk Community College in Riverhead. Since I live in

Police Blotter

a sick raccoon was located in the woods near her property. Police responded to the call, and found a raccoon with the hiccups.

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Intoxicated On The Ferry

Police were called when a passenger on the North Ferry out of Greenport was reportedly acting drunk on board the boat. When police that arrived at the scene, they escorted the boozier off the ferry without incident.

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Cell Phone Solved

A man in Hampton Bays reported to police that his cell phone had been stolen. Police called the cell phone, to which a man answered. Police asked the man's name, and he responded accordingly. Police then drove to his house and arrested the man with petty larceny. Wow.

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Lots Of DVDs

A woman in Southampton reported to police that somebody entered her home and stole a \$200 DVD player, 100 DVDs and 25 DVD cases during the last couple of weeks in November. An investi-

gation for one of the largest DVD collection in the Hamptons is now underway.



Southampton, I have to take County Road 39 to get to my classes early in the morning, just when the traffic starts to become heavy. Every day I drive down this road and I see police pulling people over for speeding. I myself have not gotten a ticket, but I do become frustrated with the issue. Last week the speed limit was 30 mph and today when I went to school, the speed limit was 45 mph. I think that it is unjust for them to be pulling people over and giving tickets if the speed limit changes like that without notice, but I see why they do it, so people don't run people like me off the road.

I also find it really annoying and potentially more hazardous to those of us who choose to drive the speed limit because there are huge trucks that ride the back of my car trying to get me to go faster, and I don't want to speed because I don't want to get a ticket, but at the same time, I don't want to get in an accident because I am going too slow. A few times in the past, the speed limit changes from day to day.

My questions are...when are they going to stop the nonsense if they are ever going to stop and what days should I go 30 mph and what days should I go 45 mph. I know that whether people want to go slow or fast, there are a lot of people who feel the same way.

Melissa Swanetta
Via e-mail

*Tue-Thu-Sat= 30 mph and Mon-Wed-Fri=45 mph.
Sunday you're on your own.*

-DR

RUN FOR IT

Dear Dan,

Earlier this year you had a story in your paper about the "Running of the Deer on Shelter Island".

Could you please e-mail me and let me know exactly when this event is planned for 2007. I have been unable to find it on the Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce site.

Thank you for your help.
Mike
Via e-mail

This year's event has been cancelled due to excessive injuries

-DR

gation for one of the largest DVD collection in the Hamptons is now underway.

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Flat Screens

A man in Water Mill reported to police that somebody entered his home and stole five flat screen televisions. Man, that's a bummer.

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Art Theft

A woman in North Haven reported to police that somebody stole three paintings with an estimated value of \$30,000 from her home. Police are on the lookout for the guy from *The Thomas Crown Affair*.

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Fireplace

A woman in East Quogue reported to police that somebody entered her home and started a fire in her fireplace. After the fire was going for an undetermined amount of time, the fire was then put out with a fire extinguisher by the same person. Those fires in fireplaces can sure get out of control! People do weird things.

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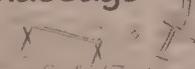
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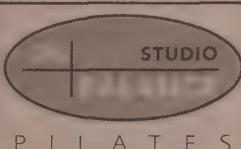
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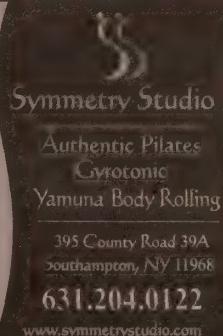
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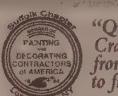
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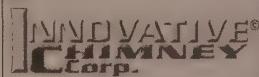
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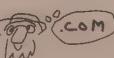
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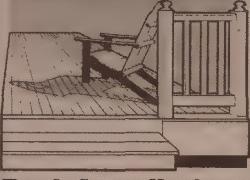
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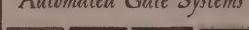
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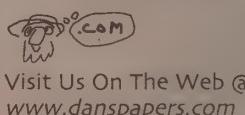
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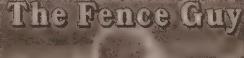
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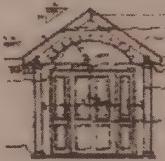
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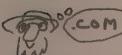
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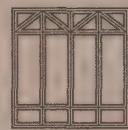
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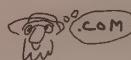
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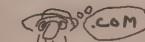
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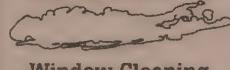
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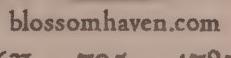
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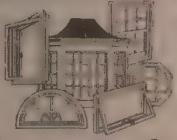
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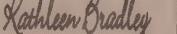

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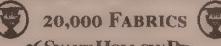
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Giacinto to Amy & Michael COSGROVE, 163 Atlantic Avenue 1,800,000		Scheinberg to Jeffrey ROTHBERG, 16 Old Fields Lane, 1,338,000
Williams III to Colette BUZZETA, 18 Hand Lane, 2,910,000		Sorenson to Eric LOMAS, 8 Woodbridge Lane, 2,385,000
Wylie Trust to Craig & Erin REICHER, 31 Oceanview Lane, 2,900,000		
BRIDGEHAMPTON		REMSNBURG
Holbrook to Joanna GROVER-WATSON, 49 Butterfield Lane, 1,600,000		Est. Belnecke to Spiro NIKOLOPOULOS, 8 Basket Neck Lane, 1,500,000
357 Brick Klin LLC to COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, Brick Klin Road, 3,500,000		Westhampton Property Assoc. Inc to Frank Jr. GRAUSSO, Off 5th Ave, 1,900,000
Oetker to Pierre SARKOZY, 216 Sagaponack Road, 4,650,000		
DAS Properties LLC to Jennifer & Robert JAMES, 14 Dannielle's Way, 5,100,000		
EAST HAMPTON		SOUTHAMPTON
Buzzetta to Edna & Michele ABELES, 45 Talmage Lane 1,335,000		Toscana to 4 BS REALTY VIII SH BRICK AND TILE LLC, Leecon Court, 1,200,000
Bellone to Christina & Samir PATEL, 18 North Bay Lane, 1,925,000		DeCarlo to Sitara KHAN & Reza NAGHAVI, 14 Sandringham Lane, 1,510,000
Clark to Steven LINDER 216 Bull Path, 1,365,000		Salamone to PARRISH POND LANE LLC 32 Parish Pond Lane, 3,150,000
Astair to Alexander TALASKO 61 Osborne Lane, 1,400,000		Amey to Brian CONNORS & Joseph KUNDRAT, 284 Hill Street, 1,500,000
Enger to Christopher ARNDT, Patricia JEN-ARNDT, 39 Harbor Hill Ln, 1,560,000		Glufruta to Scott KLANSKY & Patricia ROBERTO, 66 Old Town Crossing, 1,900,000
132 North Main St. LLC to NORTH BUILDING LLC, 132 North Main St, 3,700,000		Est. Deniff to 44 MEADOWMERE LLC, 44 Meadowmere Place, 2,800,000
Fisher Trust to Charlotte & Gary DEPERSIA, 1 Hedge Row Lane, 2,291,250		
	NOYACK	WATER MILL
	Flanigan to Charles & Lian ROBINS, 2222 Noyack Road, 1,250,000	Sandstroem to Gunter FRANGENBERG, 393 Little Noyack Path, 1,555,000
	QUIOGUE	Miller to Heller GOLDBERG, Cobb Road, 1,750,000

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CUTCHOGUE	Levenson to Louis LEVENSON, 14 Clairedale Drive, 750,000	PECONIC
McGuire to Kathleen COOPER, 285 Meadow Beach Lane, 775,000	Doti to SHEPHERD'S NECK LTD, 22 Red Creek Circle, 790,000	Wahl to John BURNS & Amy MAGUIRE-BURNS, 185 Shore Lane 760,000
EAST HAMPTON	Lamotta Jr. to Antoinette LIPOMI, 12 Wooded Lane, 820,000	RIVERHEAD
Iannuzzi to Barbara JACCOMA, 74 Underwood Drive, 530,000	Julian to Cheryl NIELSEN, 35 Quail Run, 880,000	Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC Maureen SULLIVAN, 16 Foxglove Row 542,060
Buquicchio to Keith & Kirsten HUNT, 191 Norfolk Drive, 670,000	Penny to John EGAN & James & Mary McMAHON, 10 Mill Race, 950,000	Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC Lawrence HEIMOWITZ, 61 Bellflower Court 587,240
WKMK LLC to Nilo GUTAMA, 47 Clinton Street, 740,000	MATTITUCK	Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC to Martha JAECKLE, 23 Foxglove Row, 625,905
Smith to HEDGES HOLDING CO LLC, 35 Cosdore Lane, 750,000	Winlarz to Catherine & Joseph GOLDER, 1305 New Suffolk Avenue 500,000	Hahn-Palmieri Trust to Emilie & Michael COREY, 2 Waterviel Court, 900,000
McKiernan to Gail TOPAL, 8 Todd Drive, 780,000	Moek to John & Margaret TONER, 1060 Sigbee Road, 639,000	
MacLachlan to Brian & Julie LAUCK, 73 Crystal Drive, 825,000	MONTAUK	SAG HABOR
Grigorov to Alex KOHAV, 8 Three Mile Harbor HC Road, 880,000	Perstein, BRIAN FLYNN TRUST, 21 South Fulton Drive 645,000	Dehn to BEVANMAR FAMILY LP, 52 Bluff Point Road, 945,000
Bond to Kathryn HEART, 4 Covey Court, 985,000	Hasselman Trust to Jeslie HABEL & Thomas LAVIN, 136 Greenwich St. 670,000	Orsolino to Lynn & Paul PINTO, 25 Cambridge Court, 950,000
Winslow to Janis BRONSTEIN, 5 Phoebe Scogs Rd, 960,000	Rogers to Ronald SCHWINGER, 7 Sycamore Lane, 900,000	Karmiol to Lauren FELTES & Eddie SHAPIRO, 15 Island View Dr. East, 998,000
EAST QUOGUE	Korn Trust to George & Patricia YORK, 75 Wood Drive, 975,000	SHELTER ISLAND
Weber to Peter RANFT & Cynthia SCHUMPF-RANFT, 7 Oakville Ave., 515,000	NORTH SEA	Meller to George PFREINDER, 6 Freds Lane, 500,000
Masters to RUSSELL TRUST, 4 Pine Tree Court, 535,000	Rankin to Richard HOLBROOK & Kati MARTON, Noyack Road 600,000	Bleckman to Linda SULLIVAN, 33 South Midway Road, 640,715
East End Performance Prop. LLC to KENNEDY TRUST, , 11 Sunset Av. 880,000	Gregory to Robert & William GRIGO, Big Fresh Pond Road, 615,000	Denehurst LLC to Elizabeth BUGNONI, North Ferry Road, 670,000
HAMPTON BAYS	NOYACK	Westervelt to Catherine & Nicholas SAVAGE, 4 Shorewood Road, 775,000
Lupo to Franklin SISALIMA, 71 Argonne Road East, 520,600	Johnson to Josh PAIS, 40 Long Beach Lane, 660,000	Donovan to Michael DONOVAN, 23 Brander Parkway, 675,000
Lynch to Ellen GOLDBERG, 3 North Oak Drive, 534,000	ORIENT	SOUTHAMPTON
Impellizzeri to Charles & Jean DE MARCO, 8 Gracewood Court, 570,000	Harter, , BRYAN, Edgar, OWENS, Laura, 430 Orchard Street, 755,000	Stone Trust to Gregg LUBONTY, 290 Montauk Highway, 750,000
McCullough to Roman LABUTIN, 21 Russell Road, 615,000	SOUTHOLD	
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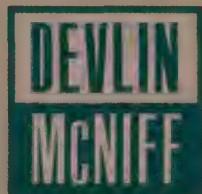


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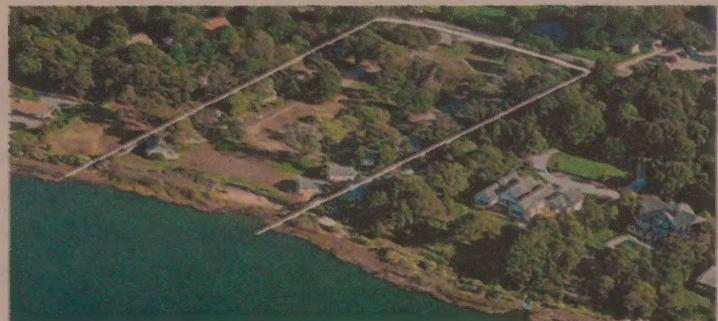
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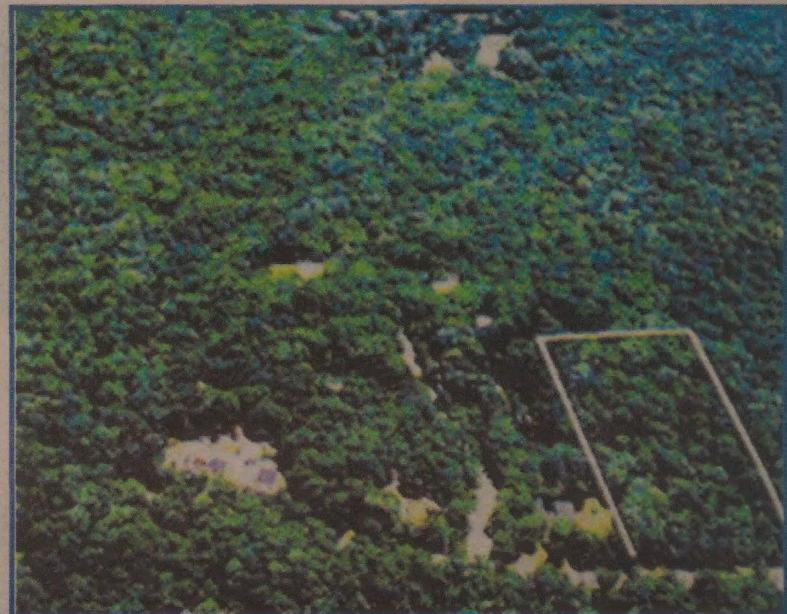
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